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Alleged Plot To Kill UN Mediator

Isanbul, Feb. 11.—The newspaper Tasvir said on Friday that the Syrian police had uncovered a plot to kill the UN Mediator for Palestine, Dr. Ralph Bunche, and one member of the United Nations Conciliation Commission.

In a story from Adana, near the Syrian frontier, Tasvir said that an Armenian immigrant from Russia has been arrested, but Syrian officials refused to disclose any details. Yusuf Kahit Yachin, the Turkish member of the Conciliation Commission, was marked for death along with Dr. Bunche, said Tasvir.—Associated Press.

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Eleventh Race

Outsider:—Sookunpots.

REDS READY TO TALK PEACE WITHIN ONE MONTH

Intimation To Unofficial Nanking Delegation

Nanking, Feb. 11.—The Chinese Communists have told the unofficial Nanking peace delegation that they will agree to peace talks with the Nationalists within a month, according to a source close to the delegation today.

The source said that General Yeh Chien-ying, Communist commander in Peiping, also assured the delegation that the Communists will not attack the Yangtse River line guarding Nanking and Shanghai before or during the talks.

The delegation of eight Nanking professors returned from Peiping today with the impression that the proposed talks have a better than even chance of producing a peace agreement to end the civil war.

The informant said that General Yeh Chien-ying asked the delegation to convey to Nanking "several pre-requisites" for the opening of peace discussions. But he indicated that these were comparatively mild, including a demand for a halt in the Nationalist preparations for further warfare.

During the delegation's two meetings with General Yeh, it got the impression that: 1. The Communists believe that President Li Tsung-jen is not strong enough to represent the Kuomintang in the negotiation of peace settlement. 2. The Communists might modify their demand for the punishment of war criminals. 3. The Communists would not insist on the detention and trial of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The Chinese Communist radio said that General Yeh promised to transmit the Nanking delegation's views to the Communist Central Committee.—United Press.

MISSION COMPLETED

Shanghai, Feb. 11.—The Communist radio reported today that the peace delegation of 11 Nanking professors has "completed successfully its mission to talk to the Communist authorities in Peiping and will return to Nanking soon."

Giving no details of what results were achieved which made the unofficial mission a success, the broadcast said that General Yeh Chien-

ying, Communist commander-in-chief of Peiping, told the party that if the Nanking government was sincere in seeking peace "We are prepared to talk with them."

General Yen said that the Communists sincerely wanted peace for the welfare of the people. He promised to transmit the delegation's views to the Communist Central Committee.—United Press.

FOREIGN OFFICE TALKS

London, Feb. 11.—Informants said today that representatives of important British interests in China approached the Foreign Office this week and "stressed the unwisdom" of any action which would be provocative to the Chinese Communists.

The British representatives told the United Press, "We have maintained almost day to day contact with the Foreign Office and stressed that we would strongly deprecate any action likely to provoke the new Chinese regime. We have been assured by the Foreign Office that everything possible will be done in this respect."

A spokesman for one representative body said that reports from most of the North China centres were "very encouraging." He cited the reopening of the British-American Tobacco Company in Tientsin and added, "We hope that before long British banks in North China will be allowed to reopen for business."

Business interests indicated that they had long anticipated Communist domination of North China and "adequate preparations" have been made. As an example, they cited the British-owned Kailan mines back in full production in the Communist government territory. The only protest made by British was against the Communist bombardment of its port facilities at Chinwangtao.

URGENT RECOGNITION

Some British business representatives were believed to be making every effort in their contacts with the Foreign Office to secure full British recognition of the Mao Tse-tung government.

A representative of one of the biggest commercial interests in China said, "Why should we make any mention of British troops in North China? So far there is little evidence that such action is necessary and I do not think it will be necessary unless the Chinese are provoked."

Some sources indicated the belief that Britain's position under the new regime is likely to be benefited possibly at the expense of American popularity.

The sources said, "Britain's attitude towards the Chinese Kai-shek government always has been very guarded. Britain made no grants in aid for the Nationalist government. Heavy British investments suffered when American capital poured into China, all to no avail. Now the Communists show no animosity to foreign enterprises. From almost every centre in North China, missionaries and businessmen alike report favourable conditions, all pointing to returning stability."—United Press.

C-IN-C ON WAY TO HONGKONG

Singapore, Feb. 12.—Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the British Far East Station, is due to leave for Hongkong today aboard HMS Alert.

He will arrive on February 18 and transfer his flag to HMS London.—United Press.



David Ben-Gurion (right), Prime Minister of Israel, and Mrs. Ben-Gurion (centre) cast their ballots in a Tel-Aviv schoolroom in the first election of the eight-month-old state. An election official is at left. The moderate left Labour Party headed by Ben-Gurion won a majority over the 20 other parties, putting up candidates in the election.—AP Picture.

MacArthur-Washington Split Over Defence Plans For Pacific

Tokyo, Feb. 12.—Strong differences of opinion between General Douglas MacArthur and Washington appeared on Friday to be growing over the role of the Pacific in American defence plans. The issue is the same as during the war—whether the Pacific and the Orient should be slighted in favour of a major military concentration in Europe.

It may be re-examined, if not finally decided, when Mr. Kenneth Royall, U.S. Secretary of the Army, returns to Washington from his Pacific tour.

Against the backdrop of Communist victories in China, General MacArthur has submitted a secret report on the American military position in the Pacific and is believed to have requested more troops and planes.

Dominant opinion in Washington, however, apparently is that a uniformly strong global defence line is economically impossible, and that therefore, primary emphasis must be placed in Europe.

General MacArthur is known to hold the view that the Orient—and one half of the world's population—cannot be ignored.

TWO POSSIBILITIES

General MacArthur is represented as taking into account two possibilities:

First, That Communist-held China might disintegrate into warlordism. Second, That the Chinese Communists, under pressure from Kremlin, might push Southwestward to win the riches of Southeast Asia and dominate the vast Asiatic land mass.

Many Washington planners are counting upon the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, becoming the Tito of the Orient by refusing to give completely in to Stalin.

They expect Mao's energies to be absorbed in preventing a breakdown of his regime.

Gen. MacArthur and his generals advocate a strong ring of air bases to contain the Communist tide on the Asiatic mainland and prevent any trans Pacific thrust toward the United States.

WASHINGTON VIEWPOINT—Some bases would be within range of industrialized Siberia. Washington's view is that Russia in wartime, might take the Aleutians and Alaska. But she does not threaten the United States West Coast across the vast distances of the Pacific.

The United States Navy is 25 years ahead of anything Russia has and could protect Pacific areas dependent upon the United States.

Opinions generally coincide that Japan would be a military liability in wartime because its 80,000,000 people would need to be partially fed and its industries supplied by any occupying foreign power.

For that reason Russia is believed to be not interested in actual invasion although possibly interested in winning political control from within.

Gen. MacArthur made clear his opinion that the United States is responsible for the defence of the Japanese but the influential Washington view is that the United States has no such obligation.

Ben-Gurion Casts Vote

Acheson— Lange Talks Bring No Results

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Dr. Halvard Lange, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced today that after a careful consideration of the security problems confronting Norway they had reached no decision on Norway's membership in the North Atlantic Pact.

They made their announcement after Dr. Lange had talked with Mr. Acheson for one hour and 15 minutes at the State Department before leaving for New York by air.

Dr. Lange said he would leave for London tomorrow and hoped to see the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on Monday. Dr. Lange also called on President Truman. He spent 15 minutes at the White House. Dr. Lange said he was treated with "great friendship and great understanding."

He told journalists his call on President Truman was mostly a courtesy visit and that he did not discuss Norway's defence problems.

JOINT STATEMENT

The joint statement said: "As the Norwegian Foreign Minister stated before his departure from Oslo, his purposes in coming to Washington was to obtain information concerning the proposed North Atlantic Pact."

In the conversations between the Foreign Minister and members of his delegation and the Secretary of State, there has been full and frank discussions of the objectives and nature of the proposed pact.

"The Norwegian delegation also presented its views regarding the security problems confronting Norway, all aspects of which were carefully considered."

"No decisions were contemplated or reached during these discussions."

Dr. Lange brushed smilingly through a crowd of reporters, saying he had nothing to add to this announcement as he left Mr. Acheson's office. It was his second conference with the Secretary of State this week.

The first was held last Monday and since then Dr. Lange has conferred with other State Department officials.

On the basis of the official communiqué, authoritative quarters here said that it was apparent that:

1.—A full exposition of the obligations entailed in Atlantic Pact membership had been made.

2.—Norway's immediate and long-term security problems had been stated and the possibility of the United States filling them explored.

3.—Dr. Lange had entered into no specific commitment but would report to his Cabinet on his return to Oslo, where a decision was likely to be reached.—Reuter.

NEW AMBASSADOR

London, Feb. 11.—Sir David Kelly, British Ambassador in Ankara, has been appointed Ambassador in Moscow, the Foreign Office announced tonight. He succeeds Sir Maurice Peterson, who will shortly retire.

Britain's new Ambassador in the Turkish capital will be Sir Noel Charles, former Ambassador to Brazil and Italy, who has lately been serving at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The S.T. And I. Report

THE voluminous report of the Director of Audit on the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department serves only one really useful purpose: it reveals to the public the magnitude of the essential services which the department has carried out on behalf of the Colony since September, 1945. From its inception the S.T. and I. has been the target of criticism, mostly engendered by jealousy, and that the Director of Audit devotes much of his report to criticism is merely in keeping with what has become accepted procedure when reference is made to the S.T. and I. The department, however, has little cause to lose much sleep over the capricious sections of the Audit report. The Financial Secretary has effectively answered most of the criticisms, and the public will judge the department, not by whether it has failed rigidly to follow red tape procedure, but by the results which have accrued from the department's activities; and in this respect the Audit report is a sufficient testimonial. The peculiar functions as well as the abnormal conditions under which the department was created, served to give the S.T. and I. a certain amount of immunity from slavish adherence to General Orders. Its prime purposes, was to bring to the Colony foodstuffs and essential materials for the rapid rehabilitation of Hongkong, and to assist in every possible way the resumption of trade. It was a tremendous task which of necessity had to involve mistakes, but overall S.T. and I. have done a job for which the general public can be nothing other than thankful. Moreover, figures indicate that the department has been a successful commercial undertaking in the interests of the

public, and by its activities has brought considerable funds to general revenue. To have tied the S.T. and I. down to the strict procedure regarded as necessary for other government departments would have robbed the organisation of its most useful asset: freedom to act quickly and on its own initiative. Because S.T. and I. has been able to apply the technique of private commercial business in fulfilling its functions, it has been a success from every angle. To carp at this achievement is to carp at the very heart of the department whose first job is to maintain the rigid code of administrative procedure. Yet it would not have come amiss for the Audit report to have tempered its criticisms by due acknowledgement of the quite remarkable work which Supplies, Trade and Industry has carried out during the past three and a half years. Insufficient recognition appears to have been given to the degree of autonomy specially invested in S.T. and I. For the first time Government had to create an out-and-out commercial department, operating, not on a competitive basis, but solely in the interests of the public. To carry out its task it needed special powers and had to be regarded as being apart from the ordinary government machinery. So far as the general public are concerned, S.T. and I. has used those powers wisely and has produced satisfactory results. It would be a pity if its future functions were to be handicapped by the necessity of having to adhere to the strict rules of procedure and operation associated with the routine government departments.

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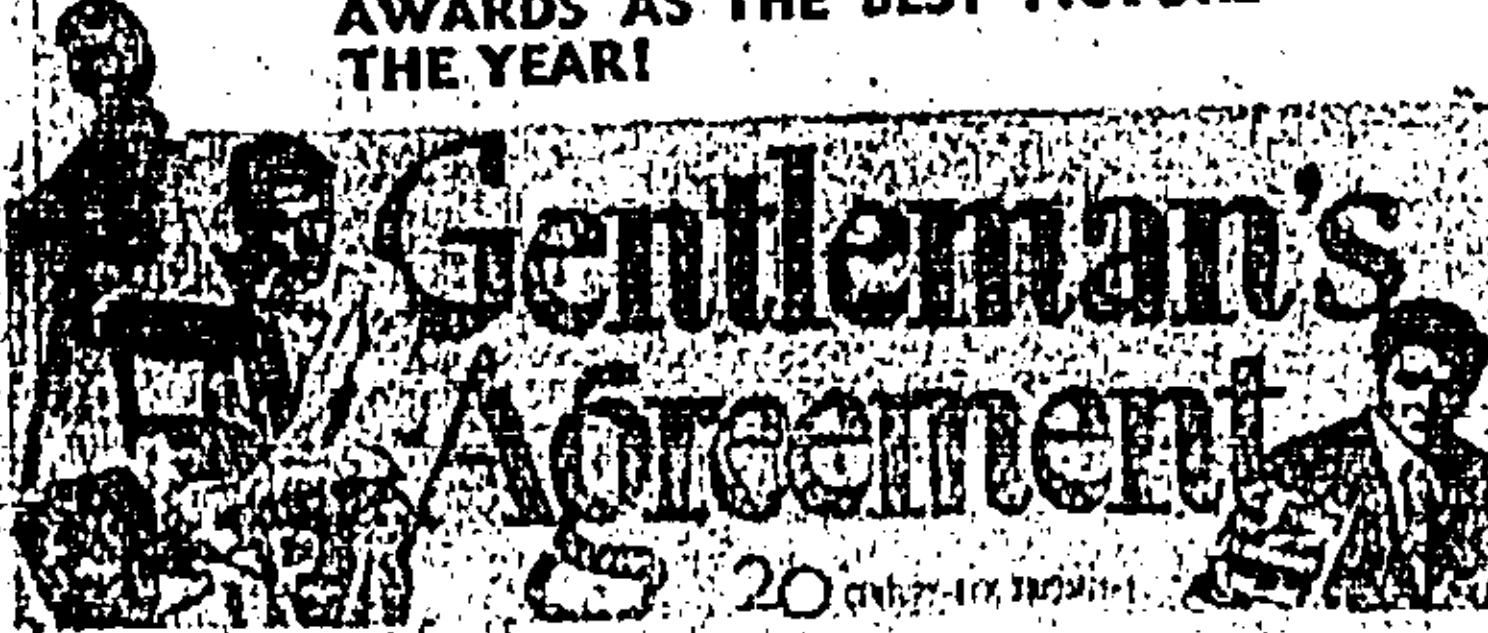
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The Universal Appeal
Of The Thriller

By H. H. WOLLENBERG

FOR a long time now detective stories, crime fiction, and thrillers have been increasingly popular all over the world.

But it was in Britain that Conan Doyle, A. E. W. Mason, John Buchan and other eminent writers lifted the species well up into (or anyway near) the realm of literature.

And English crime fiction inspired a good many of the major foreign crime films made in the early days, such as Fritz Lang's early thrillers and a good many Hollywood productions.

With the coming of "talkies" crime fiction on the screen really got into its stride, and it was an Englishman, Hitchcock, who raised it to a high level.

Who does not remember Hitchcock's "Blackmail" and that remarkable sequence where the heroine, having stabbed a man in self-defence, reaches for the bread knife next morning—its touch making her jump with terror, and the distortion of the sound indicating her state of mind? Here surely was pioneer work in the new medium. It was followed up by a long series of international successes, such as "The Lodger" (1932), "The 39 Steps" (1935), "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1935/34), "Secret Agent" (1935), "Young and Innocent" (1937), "Jamaica Inn" (1939) and a good many others.

But even apart from Hitchcock's rather specialised work in this particular field there were some notable pre-war thrillers from United Kingdom studios, such as Anthony Asquith's "Outrage" (1930), or Walter Forde's film of Edgar Wallace's famous "Four Just Men," his "Ghost Train" and his "Rome Express."

This tradition of the studios in Britain has survived World War

II well and bids fair to keep and enhance its international renown.

The more recent crop of United Kingdom "thrillers" is as remarkable as ever for its combination of entertainment with artistic and technical achievement; some have already passed their test abroad, others will soon do so.

The recent trend seems to be the thriller with a psychological, or rather psychopathic, flavour. Eric Portman is, no doubt, the most brilliant interpreter in Britain of that type of character, such as in "Wanted For Murder" (directed by Lawrence Huntington), "The Mark of Cain" (Brian Desmond Hurst) or "Dear Murderer" (Arthur Crabtree).

James Mason

JAMES MASON, one of Britain's most famous stars, internationally, has tried his hand in the psychopathic field too ("The Upturned Glass," directed by Huntington) and his greatest success "Odd Man Out," though not of this particular type, can certainly be called a thriller.

Other "psychological cases" were John Mills' "The October Man," Eric Ambler's story splendidly directed by Roy Baker; "Take My Life," with Marlene Dietrich under Ronald Neame's direction; and last but not least Anthony Kimmins' superb adaptation of Nigel Balchin's "Mine Own Executioner" with Burgess Meredith and Kieron Moore in the parts of psychiatrist and paranoiac respectively.

Another noteworthy trend in recent production in Britain is a certain emphasis on social problems, such as juvenile delinquency, "Good Time Girl" (with Jean Kent) is a case in point; her male counterpart in recent United Kingdom thriller production was Richard Attenborough's juvenile razor-gang leader in Boulting's "Brighton Rock," based on Graham Greene's novel.

The drama of an escaped convict is the basic theme of "It Always Rains on Sunday," directed by Robert Hamner, with John McCallum in the convict's part. But what is the really remarkable for is the realistic background of the East End of London. On a similar story Cavalcanti based his "They Made Me A Fugitive" with Trevor Howard in the title part.

To mention some recent thrillers which avoid the psychopathic as well as the social angle, there is "Dual Alibi," a circus thriller directed by Alfred Travers, with gifted Herbert Lom in a dual role, or "Temptation Harbour," Lance Compton's production of George Simonson's "Newhaven-Dieppe" with Robert Newton in a brilliant character part; or William Hartnell's similar effort in "Appointment with Crime," directed by John Harlow.

Some recent thrillers are obviously based on World War II. There is Frank Launder's "I See a Dark Stranger" with Deborah Kerr, an Irish background, and a hustling Nazi agent, Charles Crichton's "Against the Wind" is a story of allied underground work in Nazi occupied Belgium; and in "Counterblast," Mervyn Johns presents a fine character study of a particularly malicious Nazi agent doing some underground work in postwar Britain.

The Future?

WHAT about the future? There is certainly no lack of stories or talent for thriller production in Britain to draw on, and the recent premiere of "My Brother's Keeper" is particularly gratifying, because director, author and most of the cast had their first big chance to make good and they certainly did. The only old established star in the cast was Jack Warner in the role of an escaped convict, a likeable, and often pathetic, fellow.

And now that Hitchcock himself, that master of thriller production in London again the wheel has turned full circle. After many years in Hollywood Hitchcock is in Britain directing "Under Capricorn" with no less a cast than Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten from Hollywood, and Britain's own Michael Wilding.

"Hitch's" return seems certainly a good omen for the future, and with other big thrillers such as "Sleeping Car to Venice" to follow, there seems little worry for the future of United Kingdom production of film thrillers.

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BIG-NAME British stars who have been getting £12,000 a film are now faced with the risk of a salary drop of £11,000.

A new economy drive in the Rank picture-making organisation may mean that stars will work for £1,000 down and a share of the film's profits.

If the film were to flop at the box-office they would get no more than the original thousand.

That was the basis on which a film called "Contraband" was made. The star of that was Valerie Hobson, wife of producer Anthony Havelock-Allan. And afterwards she said: "That is the way it should be done if we are to stay on in the business."

In fact, I have worked that way twice already—once on "Contraband," and again for my husband's film, "The Small Voice."

In private talks with other stars, Miss Hobson has found a growing support for her ideas.

Mr J. Arthur Rank, in the toughest talk he has yet had with film workers at Denham and Pinewood, his two biggest studios, made these things clear:

He wants his films made at a top cost of £100,000 each (the present average is £160,000); and he can get no further money to make more than the 40 planned for this year. In fact, they may be cut back to 37.

CUT IN STAFF

That is why Mr Rank is dismissing 250 workers at his studios; why he is limiting production to two pictures at a time instead of three or four at Pinewood studios; and why the Islington studio has been closed down.

STAR-NOTE: Sir Laurence Olivier, Robert Donat, Margaret Lockwood, Stewart Granger, and Eric Portman are among the stars in the £12,000 and up bracket.

Among bag news for Britain's picture makers:

London Films had planned to film three or four more, but Sir Alexander Korda says: "We cannot come to an agreement, so Robert Donat's 'The Cure for Love,' which was to have been made there, will now go to another studio."

David Lewin's
SPOTLIGHTON ROBERT
DONAT

ROBERT DONAT has started his film career in a most unusual way. He has decided to make "The Cure for Love," and he will act it, direct it, and produce it.

Some film men I have talked to believe that Donat is making a mistake. Their argument: Donat has the figure of a statesman, a doctor, or a leading politician. Now he wants to play an ex-Army sergeant. He could be an officer or a man with a secret mission in the Army. But a sergeant—never.

Robert Donat has one of the finest voices on the screen. His voice makes its best effect as a K.C. or a schoolmaster or a minister. But in "The Cure for Love" he will speak with a Lancashire dialect. What a waste, say his critics. (They forget that Donat came from Lancashire.)

And third they challenge Donat's decision to direct his own film for the first time. Acting is a sufficiently great strain, they say, without having to work behind the camera as well.

Is Donat making a mistake? I think not. The same critics applauded Olivier's direction of "Himmler" after the film was made; and Ralph Richardson was right to play "Falstaff" after the first night.

As for directing: Everyone wants to be a director nowadays, from former fish-milk Richard Haydn to David Niven.

JEAN SIMMONS

JUST WHAT is it about Jean Simmons that at 19 has made her a star—even to the stars?

They listen to what she has to say when they talk to her; they watch fascinated as she sits on the floor with her shoes off at parties ("It's more comfortable that way"), and sometimes they even mean it when they say: "Darling, I thought you were just wonderful in your last picture."

Alan Ladd wanted to meet her when he came to London. Ralph Richardson asked to be introduced. Robert Donat came by to say "Hello."

Laurence Olivier says: "She has talent plus intelligence. That is her secret."

Ralph Richardson: "You say 'What a nice girl' when you meet her, and you have a feeling of complete happiness talking to her."

Carol Reed: "There is something fresh about her—even when she walks into a theatre for a first night. As an actress she knows instinctively what to do."

Jean has finished work on her latest film "Adam and Eve," and already Mr Rank's producers are balloting to see who gets her—not for her next picture, that is already settled—but for the one after that.

In the scramble for the premiere which Jean Simmons can bring to film, I see a thing. It is just that the Simmons name may be expected to carry poor stories and bad directors. And when that hap-

pens—no star name can beat the fade-out.

FILMING AGAIN

★ TRYING THE cinema again after a three-year break: Celia Johnson, "Brief Encounter" was her last picture.

Good film parts were hard to find she said then. Now she has two offers.

No. 1: To star with French actor Pierre Fresnay, who won the £1,000 award of the Daily Express Film-Tribunal for the best performance of 1948 in "Monsieur Vincent."

Producer Anatole de Grunewald, maker of "The Winslow Boy," starts talks soon to bring Fresnay to London for "Another World."

No. 2: To film a Noel Coward story "The Astonished Heart," with Michael Redgrave.

Will she accept the offers? My bet—she will.

COFFEE, SIR?

★ THE MAD-HATTER's tea party had nothing on the coffee parties of Trevor Howard in the sewers, 40 feet beneath the streets of Vienna.

They were filming there for "The Third Man"... and they spent all day underground. The first morning they broke for coffee at 11, and patting down the steps from the street came correct white-coated waiters with black bow ties carrying trays with coffee pots and cups.

They laid the table (white clothes freshly laundered) in the sewer and the cast sat round to have a drink. In the afternoon they went through it all again.

DENHAM PRAIRIE

★ DAVID FARRAR, timing himself to see how quick he is on the draw (3 seconds), Diana Dora practising the can-can (it's a couple of hundred diamond prospectors fighting it out in a saloon. That was Denham recently, when they were trying Britain's first rough-and-tumble Western, type film, "Diamond City."

British producers are moving in on the Hollywood prairie with their own variations on a theme which the Americans have monopolised since pictures were first made.

TAILPIECE

★ SHOW PEOPLE are talking about the film of Betty Grable's home life made by her husband, trumpeter Harry James.

Carol Reed: "Downbeat for SHIRLEY TEMPLE taking up singing and dancing again after ten years for 'Bandwagon'."

MAUREEN O'HARA's slimming course now she has finished the British picture "Britannia Means Go Home."

THE RUSH by British producers to get Edward Dmytryk now he has finished "Obsession" eight days under schedule and £10,000 under cost.

The remark that things are so bad in Hollywood now, most stars are drinking to forget their future.

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It would make it easier to talk to Truman: A secret conference in the Kremlin: What Stalin's son is like: The round-up of the German scientists

by Lieut.-Colonel GRIGORI A. TOKAEV

a highly placed Soviet officer who fled to the West to fight for Freedom.

AT the end of the war rocket science in Germany was ahead of its competitors. In jet propulsion Germany was leading the world up till 1944.

The collapse of the German armies was the signal for a race among the Allies for the secret blue-prints.

I was one of the principal Soviet technicians involved in this operation, and, therefore, I can truthfully say "that I know something about it."

From the outset of the Occupation, there were three Soviet headquarters in Germany.

- (1) The S.M.A. (Soviet Military Administration) H.Q. at Berlin-Karlshorst, which was known to everybody.
- (2) The H.Q. of the Soviet Armed Forces Occupation Group in Germany, at Bebelberg.
- (3) The H.Q. of the Rear of the Soviet Army Group, at Potsdam.

The last is the one I should like to describe more fully. It was located at the far end of Jaegerstrasse, and was headed by Colonel-General Shebunin. Its staff was tremendous, and its activities acquired an unsavoury reputation.

The task of this H.Q. was to organise the despatch of German property under the guise of war booty, reparations, etc.

Everything movable in the Soviet zone was labelled "war booty," even ladies' underwear. My job was to comb out German industry and scientific establishments for information on everything relating to jet propulsion, rockets, aircraft construction and atomic power.

STALIN'S SON Looks Unpleasant

ALTHOUGH I was often an independent agent on special missions for the Politburo, Soviet General Staff, and the Soviet Air Staff, at the last stage of my stay in Germany I worked with Colonel-General Serov and Major-General Vasili Stalin, the son of Stalin.



VASILI, son of Stalin... a physiologically incomplete human. Cordially hated for being a scoundrel and a Kremlin informer.

Serov is Deputy Minister of the Interior (MVD). He is much liked by all the Kremlin "ladies" and is one of Stalin's favourites.

Vasili Stalin is a painfully thin young man, who does not resemble his father in the least. His face, shoulders, arms, and general appearance remind one of a patient in the last stages of tuberculosis.

He may best be described as a physiologically incomplete human, with dull, reddish hair, and an unpleasant look in his eyes.

A body scarred by pimples and boils; rotten black teeth, and the hysterically high-pitched voice of a conceited and spoiled child.

In spite of all the art of "Court" tailors which is lavished upon him, his uniform fits him about as well as it would a telegraph pole.

He drinks and smokes to excess.

At the beginning of the war he was attached to the Inspectorate of the Soviet Air Force, where he was cordially hated for being a scoundrel and a Kremlin informer.

A time went on he successively became O.C. Air Regiment, Air Division, and, finally, Air Corps of the 16th Air Army based on Germany, although he is most unsuited for this post.

Most of his air school friends are still lieutenants, whilst V. Stalin is a major-general.

In spite of this, his old comrades have not changed their opinion of him, and still consider him as one of the dullest ex-pupils of the air school.

Vasili Stalin left Germany for Moscow in 1947, and I do not know what official post he holds now.

When the war ended the first and most feverish search was, of course, for plants and scientists working on atomic power.

In spite of the fact that the Soviet zone was combed out for months, the search yielded the Politburo practically nothing.

ON ROCKETS Soviet progress

MOST of the leading atomic scientists had fled to the British or American zones.

However, the effort was not completely wasted. One of the finest prizes was the physicist, Dr Herz, of the Herz Institute at Charlottenburg.

Herz was bundled off to the U.S.S.R. without being asked whether he wanted to go or not.

Today, several score of German physicists, mostly small fry, are working in the U.S.S.R. on atomic problems, together with Herz.

I do not exaggerate when I say that the full weight and prestige of the Politburo are concentrated on this enterprise.

When the Occupation authorities turned to rockets, jet propulsion, and aeronautical developments, they got practically everything the Germans ever had.

German rocket development was concentrated in two main centres: Peenemunde, on the Baltic, and Bleichrode, in the Harz Mountains of Thuringia.

The first was in the Soviet zone, and the second in the American zone.

By that time the Americans had stripped the works of everything they deemed of value.

But all the rocket stands were intact, including the three great V2 testing towers.

The Soviet authorities also found incomplete materials relating to modified V2 rockets, including a certain amount of data on a project for a winged rocket capable of reaching the American continent.

The only important loss was that the leading German specialists who developed the V2 headed by Professor von Braun, could not be found. They had found refuge in the Western zone.

THE 'SANGER' Search for him

AMONG the prizes turned up was a nebulous scientific work known as the "Sanger project."

It consisted of a compilation of physics mathematical data for a gas-dynamics theoretical data for a super-powerful, super long-range, super-sonic, stratospheric rocket-propelled bomber capable of non-stop flight around the world.

The first reaction of some Soviet scientists was to scoff at the idea, but, after delving more deeply into the subject, they came to the conclusion that "Sanger's" bomber was feasible in principle.

Serov and myself were ordered by Stalin "himself" at a Politburo meeting to find Sanger and to "bring him to Moscow in a voluntary-compulsory manner."

Serov, Vasili Stalin, Academician Keldysh and myself looked for Sanger everywhere for months.

Finally, we arrived at the conclusion that Sanger was working with the group of Professor Georgi somewhere in France.

With him disappeared his ablest assistant, a Frau Bredt, an apparently outstanding mathematician. No trace of her was ever found.

Only 60 copies of the "Sanger project" were ever printed; they were distributed to people like Goering, Milch, Messerschmitt, Prandtl, Tank, von Braun, etc.

Some must have undoubtedly found their way West.

Only three copies were found in the Soviet zone.

In my opinion the realisation of Sanger's idea is possible in principle, but it is also my considered opinion that the U.S.S.R. does not possess the means to realise it at present.

Late in 1945, the Soviet authorities changed their tactics, and began to draw rocket specialists and atomic scientists high salaries and good homes if they would collaborate.

Only very few, and not the principal ones at that, accepted.

For those who refused strong-arm methods sufficed.

The person wanted was bundled off into a train or aircraft, and despatched to the U.S.S.R. without further ado.

The greater part of German aeronautical rocket and jet propulsion experts, headed by Professor von Bock, who fell into Soviet hands are working in groups in various parts of the U.S.S.R.

Professor von Bock, with a group of German experts, is working at the Central Aerodynamics and Hydrodynamics Institute (Tsagi) in

Moscow and, as far as I know, he is not particularly pleased with his lot. A group of German experts was killed at the end of 1946 in an air crash. The Soviet aircraft which was taking them to the U.S.S.R. crashed at the M.V.D.-M.G.B. Airfield at Bykovo, near Moscow.

In April 1947 I was summoned to Moscow for important conferences at the Kremlin. The following were present at one of the first:—

MALENKOV—Member of the Politburo Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers, U.S.S.R.

VOZNESENSKI—Member of the Politburo Chairman of the State Planning Commission.

MARSHAL VERSHININ—Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces, U.S.S.R. C-in-C. Soviet Air Force.

KHRUNICHEV—Minister of Aircraft Industry, U.S.S.R.

WITH 'STALIN' 'Explain to us'

MALENKOV announced harshly that rocket development must be speeded up. Khrunichev remarked that it would be better to finish with the V2 question before starting on new commitments.

"V2s, cried Malenkov, "I am not satisfied with your V2s. Do you think we are going to fight Poland? What we need are aircraft, capable of crossing the Atlantic."

This meeting had an extraordinary sequel: A Politburo session, at which I was the principal speaker.

Stalin presided. Sitting around a long table were Malenkov, Mikoyan, Zhdanov, Beria, Voznesenski, Voroshilov.

I sat at the end of the table, facing Stalin. Serov stood behind my chair throughout the meeting.

The subject under discussion: German rocket experiments in general and, specifically, the "Sanger project."

In front of Stalin was a bound volume which was the Russian translation of this project.

'EXPLAIN' He said

ALTHOUGH one of Stalin's official titles is "Coryphaeus of Science," he knows nothing about the theory of rocket propulsion, and he could not have understood more than a fraction of the technical volume at his elbow.

He picked up the book and, looking at me, asked, "Comrade Tokaev, are you familiar with this work?"

I answered, "Yes Comrade Stalin, I am."

"Will you please explain to us what it is all about?"

My report on the "Sanger project" lasted for about 40 minutes.

During my report, Stalin slowly paced up and down the length of the table as if lost in thought.

From time to time, he came close up to me and, looking me straight in the eye, asked a question.

Not until I happened to mention, in answer to a question of one of the people present, that some of the most essential German scientists had escaped to the West, did Stalin emerge from his reverie.

I mentioned a number of names, including those of Professor Tank and Dr Sanger.

All this time Serov was standing behind me.

With every name I mentioned, Stalin's hooded eyelids flew up. "And where are Sanger and Tank now?" he asked.

I replied that I did not know for certain, but that there were reasons to believe that Sanger was in France and that Tank was somewhere in the British zone.

'MUST DO IT' Stalin's order

MY answers had put Serov in a difficult position, from which he tried to extricate himself by putting the blame on others.

After I had finished my report, Stalin called Sokolovski on a direct line, and advised him that a Government commission would be arriving in Berlin that very day, and that it was to be given every facility for carrying out the tasks which had been allotted to it.

He also said that the S.M.A. was to pay particular attention to air matters from then on.

Just before the meeting broke up, Stalin was still walking up and down the length of the table, sucking his pipe.

Not addressing anyone in particular and emphasising his words with his right hand, he spoke his thoughts aloud as follows:—

"We need aircraft of the Sanger type, and, if this project can be realised in practice, we must do it."

"If we have such aircraft, it will be easier to talk to Truman. We may be able to quieten him down."

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NEXT WEEK: Stalin 'purges' his air force and builds it up again

American Column:

They Croon Over The Baby Car

By C. V. R. THOMPSON

NEW YORK. AMERICAN men have fallen for a tiny British roadster. Although it is only 11 ft. 7½ ins. long, 2,000 have already paid \$598 15s. for it.

Now, they are forming clubs all over the country to go on tours together. They love its whippet-like showiness and speed—83 miles an hour.

And Life magazine has devoted three pages of pictures to a tour of the San Francisco club in 16 cars. The climax of the tour was the drive of two daredevils beneath and through a lowering lumber carrier, with the carrier moving at 16 miles an hour and the roadsters at 35. They had only five inches of clearance between the carrier's wheels on each side.

AFTER ten years of parts in Hollywood "B," or second-grade pictures, Patricia Morrison did not have enough money to fly to New York for a final audition to win the leading lady's role in "Kiss Me, Kate." The army agreed to fly her to Broadway in a bomber, and she repaid by appearing in a G.I. Christmas show. She got the part. The critics say it is the greatest musical since "Oklahoma!" and Miss Morrison is flooded with offers of Hollywood stardom.

THREE planes spaced at intervals five miles in the air may be able to telecast to every corner of Britain under the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's stratosphere system. Westinghouse says that stratosphere "is ready for commercial development." American ground stations can televise only about 30 miles because of the earth's curve. Westinghouse says its planes have sent shows to screens 250 miles away.

AMAZING results are reported by a psychiatrist Louis Verdel with a group of 100 "hopeless" mental patients at the Nertholt Servicemen's hospital. Many have been discharged and some are in full-time jobs. He kept them busy from morning to night with interesting work or play which left no time to mope or brood.

A PRO-ZIONIST reader, who cannot bear the thought of Britain getting U.S. Marshall dollars, sarcastically wrote to the New York Post suggesting that the Americans pay their income taxes direct to Britain. The Post handed the letter carefully. The heading over it reads: "Send taxes to Britain suggestion (ironic)."

ON the ground that Wilhelm Furtwangler, conducted before Hitler during the war, a group of top-ranking musical artists have warned the Chicago Symphony Orchestra not to hire him as its conductor. Pianists Vladimir Horowitz, Artur Schnabel, and Alexander Brailowsky, operatic soprano Lily Pons, and conductor Andre Kaudern say they will not appear with the orchestra if Furtwangler is engaged.

SHOW business: The Hollywood S.M.A. stamped out a Berlin Air-lift picture, "Berlin Air-lift" and "Berlin Blockade" are already copyrighted as titles—grew when actors Dennis O'Keefe and Louis Hayward registered "Operation Vittles" for a film they want to make in England. Just back from a European C.I. entertaining tour, Bob Hope is flying to 30 American cities with a troupe of 44 shows.

TELLING TALES of the world we live in...

CARLO, the Italian, complained: "Three times I have tried to die. The rope broke, the poison made me only sick, and the gas had no effect."

His friend advised: "Wear your Fascist uniform in the Communist quarter. They'll kill you." "What, still alive?" asked the friend when they met again. "Yes," replied Carlo. "I did just what you said, but everyone who came by slapped me on the back and said: 'Ah, those were the good old days!'"

A British and American firm entered a race to be first to build a new car. After five months the Americans called "Five more days and we finish."

The British replied "Fifty more forms and we start."

THE new servant came from a remote corner of Scandinavia. She was willing to work, but inexperienced. Said her mistress, at last: "What can you do?"

The girl thought, then replied: "I can milk an elk."

THE Czech Communist and the Social Democrat were angling on the river-bank. The hours passed without success. The Communist became angry. "I cannot understand why they do not bite."

Said the Social Democrat: "Take off your Party badge. They're afraid to open their mouths."

BERNARD WICKSTEED tries on Hans Andersen's hat

I DID something the other day that my children and grandchildren may like to hear about. I put on Hans Andersen's top hat.

Seriously, it really was his hat. It has been brought over to London for the Danish Exhibition that was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

I happened to go along when they were unpacking it and one of the chaps said, "Try it on." I think it must be a magic hat because even though it didn't fit (it was too small) an urge came over me to tell a fairy story of my own. So here goes.

Once upon a time (1805) a son was born to a poor shoemaker and his wife (at Odense in the Kingdom of Denmark). They were so poor they lived in one room, but were happy because a child meant more to them than gold.

When the boy was 11 the shoemaker died, and his widowed mother said: "Hans, my son, you must choose a career. How about the tailoring trade?"

But Hans fancied himself as a dramatist, and went on playing with his toy theatre, dressing his puppets, and reading Shakespeare.

At 14 he set off to seek his fortune. (in the theatrical world), and presently came to a big town (Copenhagen), where he asked for work (as an opera singer, of all things).

Wicked fairy

THE townspeople merely laughed at the provincial boy. He was so young and so odd.

One day when he was nearly starving he met two kind musicians who offered to give him singing lessons. But just at that moment a wicked fairy waved her wand and the wretched boy's voice broke.

The king (Frederick VI, 1809-39) heard about this, and, taking pity on the boy, sent him to a grammar school, where he stayed till he was 22 (nearly a record, even for a fairy tale).

He hated every minute at school because he didn't want to be a prefect. He simply wished to be a great dramatist, or, failing that, a great novelist.

Hans Andersen went on yearning to be one or the other all his life, and wrote fairy-stories in his spare time only. The more people ad-



And he says

I'm glad it didn't fit me...

mired them the harder he worked to achieve his other ambition. But they didn't come off, and he died at the age of 70, honoured throughout the world as an immortal teller of children's tales.

If that doesn't move you I recommend you to read again the story of "The Ugly Duckling." It is pure autobiography. I read it aloud to the family, and when we came to the end where the duckling found he was really a swan, we were almost crying.

I take off his hat to him. If the hat had anything to do with his ordeals, I'm glad it didn't fit me.

Rescue rope

HANS ANDERSEN had a fear of fire, and always carried a rope on his travels for getting out of windows if the place caught alight. The rope was brought over for the exhibition, too. So were a couple of his trunks, his umbrella, some original MSS and a letter from Dickens.

Besides fairy stories (and bacon) Denmark is famous for Hamlet, so the Danes brought an ancient tapestry showing what the Castle of Elsinore looked like at the time that Shakespeare wrote.

You can see the battlements where the old ghost walked and scored the life out of the guards. There's supposed to be a ghost in the ruins still. He sits at a table, and has been there so long that his beard has grown into the wood.

The story is that when danger threatens the State he will rise and go forth, dragging the table with him on the end of his beard. But when the Germans invaded he didn't even stir a whisker—much to the delight of Goebbels, who said it showed there was nothing to worry about.

Worked into the design of the tapestry is the insignia of the Order of the Elephant. The last man

to be awarded it was Montgomery. Wellington had it, too, for beating Napoleon.

One of the tapestry figures is believed to be that old friend of our schoolboys, Tycho Brahe, the astronomer I've forgotten what he did for astronomy, but I remember the story of his nose.

He had an unfortunate mishap with it. Someone carelessly sliced it off with a sword, and he wore a new one made out of silver.

The dagger that well-dressed men carried at this period were rather patent. Boy scouts would have loved them. Each scabbard contained a knife and a fork, and you could use the blade for getting stones out of horses' hooves.

A favourite

THERE'S a slender boy on the right who put on weight after the tapestry was made and became the hearty, enormous King Christian IV. You wonder how such a small boy could grow so fat until you see his drinking cup. It's as big as a bucket.

Christian IV. (1588-1648) is the Danish schoolboys' favourite king, as Henry VIII is ours. He was very brave, and distinguished himself by losing all his battles.

One of his dukes proposed to Queen Elizabeth. She turned him down, but gave him the Order of the Garter to make up for his disappointment. He was so delighted about this that he breastplate for his suit of armour with the Garter engraved on it.

You could see this at the exhibition, and also his old breastplate, which he kept as a spare.

Denmark has no metal of her own. It has to be imported. Nowadays the Danes pay for it with butter and bacon, but in prehistoric times they traded amber from the Baltic shores.

Early necklaco

THERE is more early Danish amber centred about the rest of Europe than there is in Denmark itself, for it was on the "export only" list then.

All the same, some pretty good stuff seems to have got on the Bronze Age black market, including a necklace almost big enough to use as a skirt.

This isn't as impossible as it sounds, because skirts were worn rather short in Denmark 3,000 years ago: About 18 inches from waist to knees was the rule.

Several of these prototype blouses, and some equally ancient blouses, have been dug up in Denmark without the sign of a moth in them. They were in old oak chests, and the linen in the wood has preserved the wool.

Older "Old Looks" have been found in Egyptian tombs, but they were designed for ceremonial occasions. These Bronze Age skirts were for everyday wear, like Hans Andersen's hat.



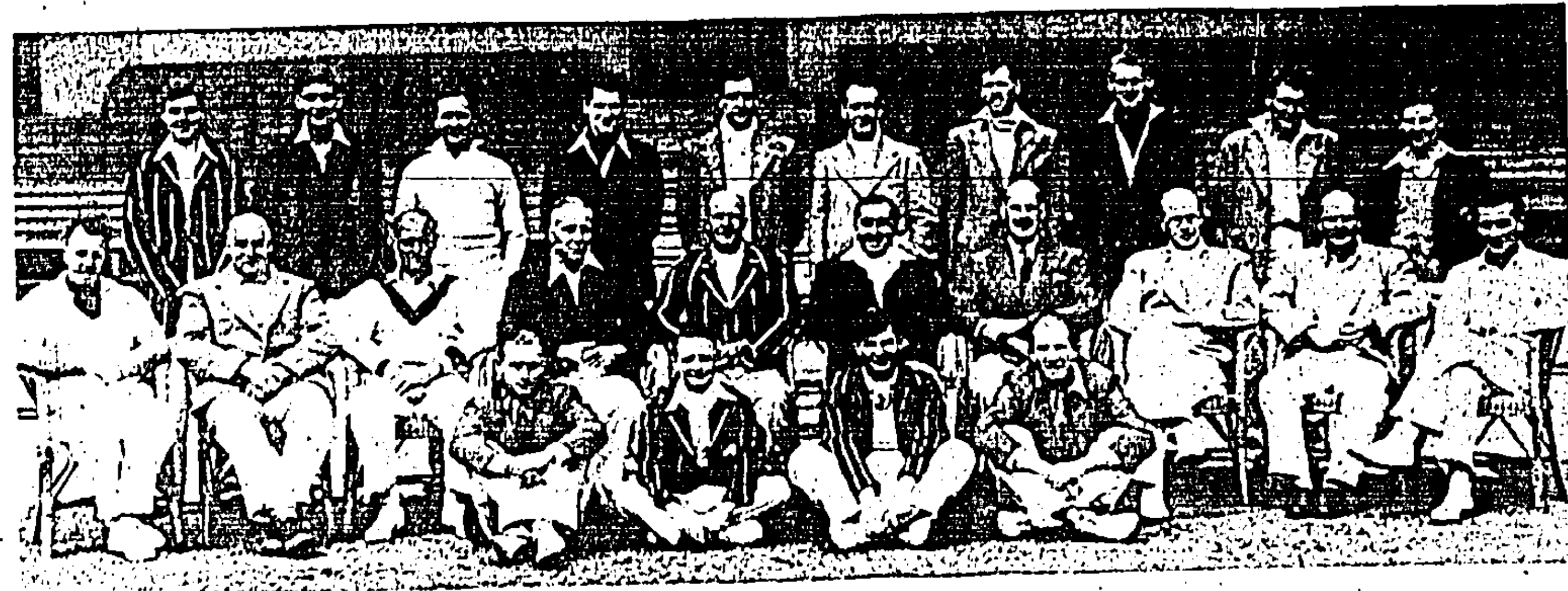
MAJOR and Mrs Henry Joseph Hawes photographed with friends after their marriage at the Registry last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



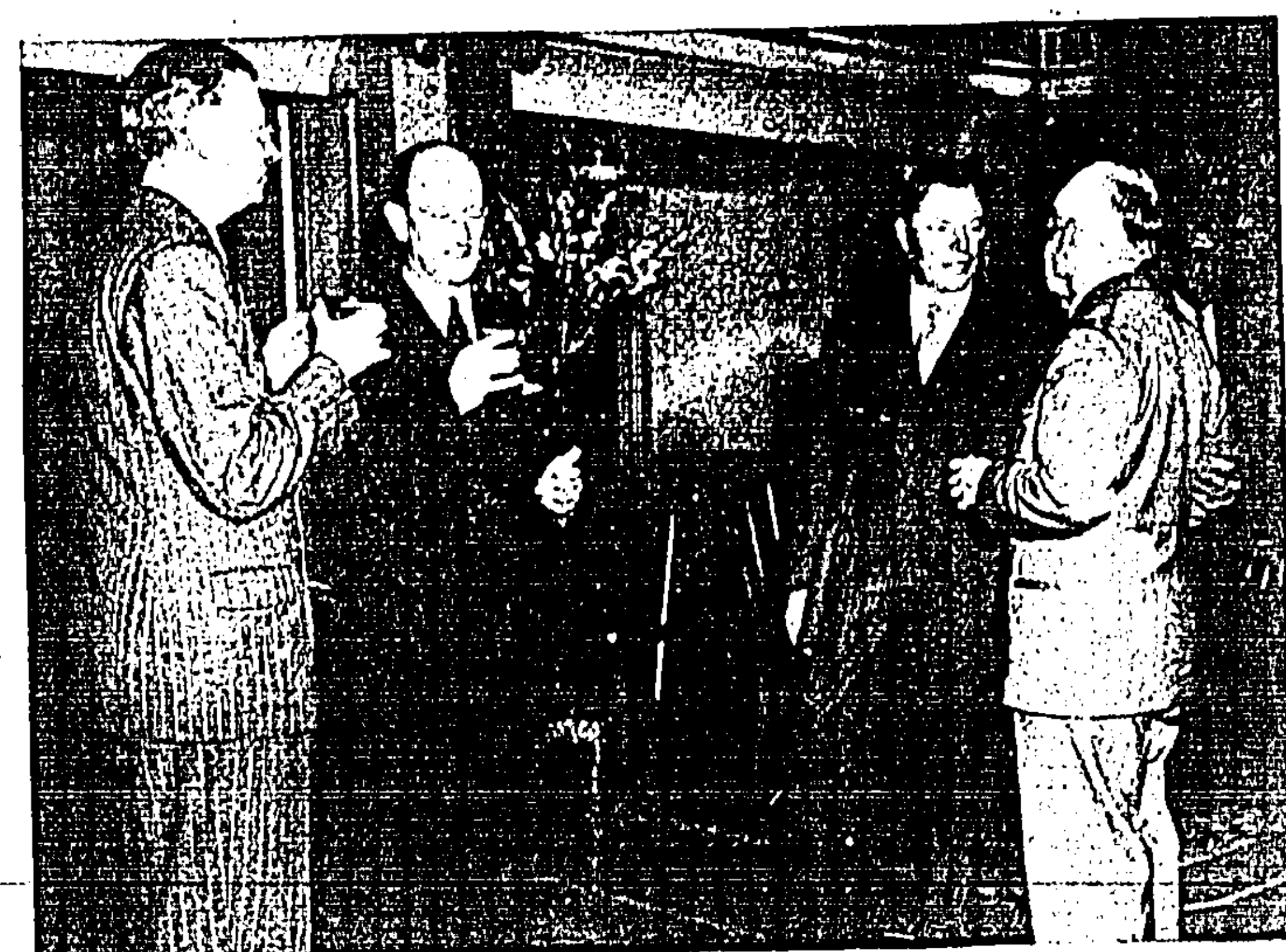
OLD boys of Alceyn's School, who had a reunion dinner at the Hongkong Hotel last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Ng Jit-thyo and his bride, formerly Miss Joyco Wong, photographed at their wedding reception at the Hongkong Hotel last Saturday. Left: the scene earlier at the Registry. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



HONGKONG and Shanghai Bank and Butterfield and Swire cricketers who met in a friendly all-day match last Sunday. The former won by nine runs. (Ming Yuen)



LEFT: Mr C. J. Endert (second from left), managing director of the Nederlandsche Indische Handelsbank, who visited Hongkong last week, was guest of honour at a cocktail party given at the Hongkong Hotel by Mr J. M. Morhaus, Hongkong manager of the bank (second from right). At extreme left is the Hon. C. G. S. Follows, Financial Secretary. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken in the Roman Catholic Cathedral last Saturday on the occasion of the marriage of Mr Walter George Hicks and Miss Margaret Agnes Quark. Right: the newlyweds leaving the Cathedral after the ceremony. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Mr Li Ying-fai and Miss Ip Yuk-hing, who were married recently. (Sun Ying Ming)

BELOW: Ceylonese residents of Hongkong who attended a cocktail party on February 4 to celebrate the first birthday of the new Dominion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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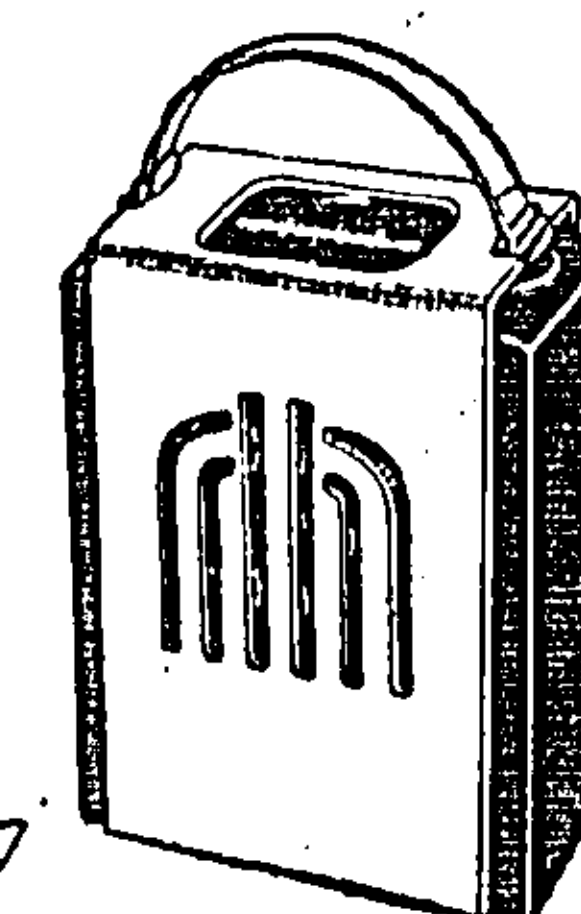
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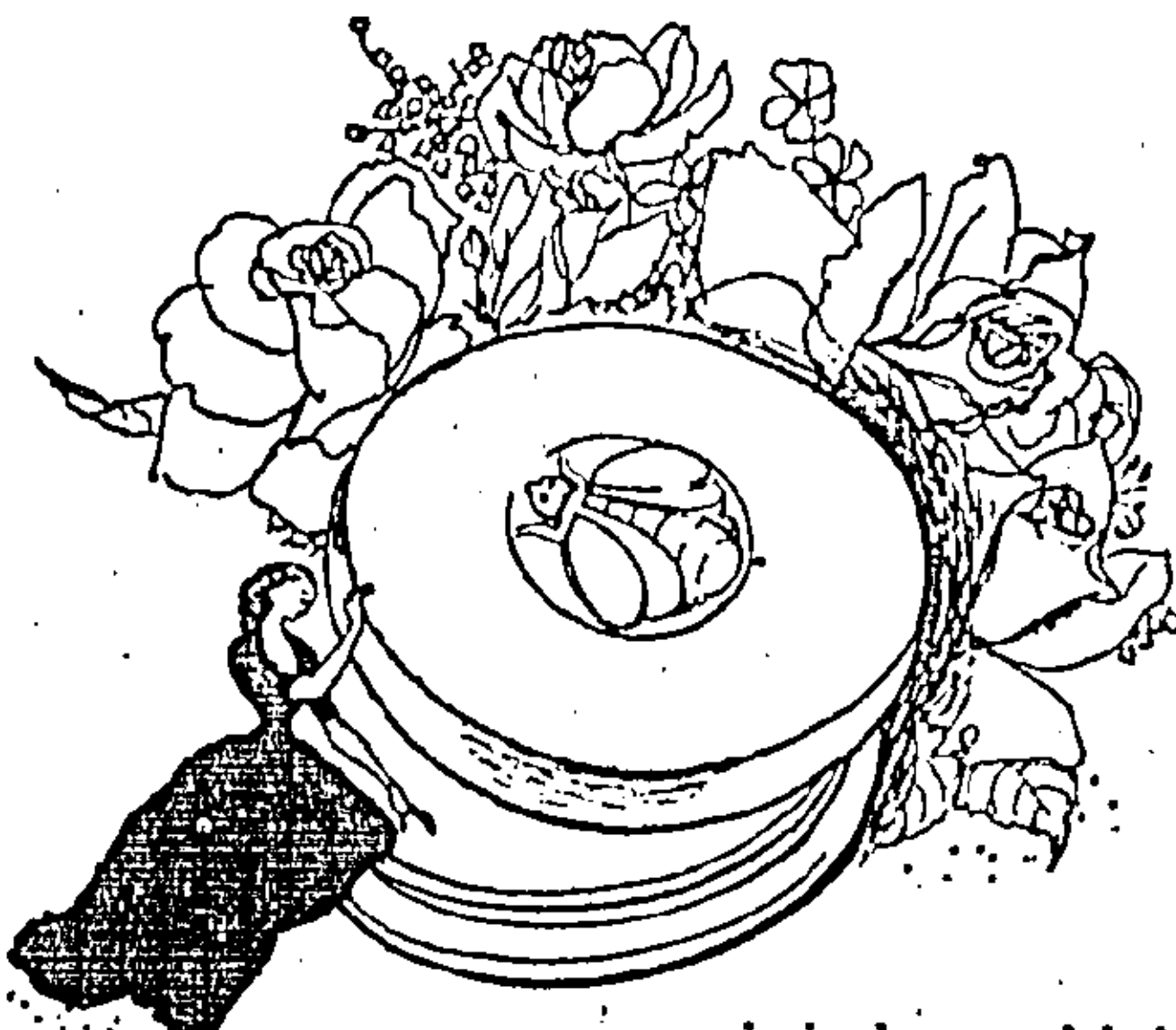
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Make fashion fit YOU

In every fashion sketch or picture published by the Hongkong Telegraph there are always style pointers and ideas for two, three, or more of the nine-out-of-ten women with non-manipulative figures.

In the past, some of the pointers may have been missed. In future, these silhouette references can help you to capture and remember the best of all that fashion offers.

ON THIS page are nine silhouettes. Study them carefully and decide which one most nearly represents YOUR figure. Be honest in your choice and you will get most benefit from this fashion service.

If, say, No. 3 is your choice, then remember that you are silhouette No. 3. If you tear out and keep this section, it will be useful in the future to you and to your friends.

FASHION news illustrations in the Hongkong Telegraph will in future be, as far as possible, related to the silhouettes. Readers will be told how to adapt them to their own figure—or when to reject them all together.

ALL WOMEN are divided into three figure groups, SHORT—up to 5ft. 3ins. in height, MEDIUM HEIGHT—from 5ft. 4ins. to 5ft. 6ins. TALL—from 5ft. 7ins. to 6ft. These three groups are divided again into three sizes—giving a total of nine figures to choose from. Here they are:—

- (1) SHORT and thin; (2) SHORT—model size; (3) SHORT and plump; (4) MEDIUM HEIGHT and large bust; (5) MEDIUM HEIGHT—model size; (6) MEDIUM HEIGHT and large hips; (7) TALL and thin; (8) TALL—model size; (9) TALL and plump.

The three large pictures are model sizes. The smaller ones show the others in each group. So pick your model size first.

1 SHORT, THIN: Wear soft clothes, not sharply tailored styles. Beware of sweaters and clinging clothes. Accentuate your waist. Go for small hats, tiny patterns, and one-colour outfits.

2 SHORT, MODEL: Choose feminine, well-fitted clothes, nothing severe or very sophisticated. Beware: high or cavalier collars, tights, long jackets, large bows.

3 SHORT, PLUMP: Wear neatly tailored, wool dresses, not classic tailored-modes. Beware: chokers, horizontal patterns, short, full jackets, shiny, clinging fabric.

4 MEDIUM, LARGE BUST: Wear long, plainly tailored jackets with long revers. Deep armholes, V-necks, or square necks, shirt-neck blouses with dark suits. Beware: Plain, sweater bodices with high round necks, frilly jabots, ornate buttons, fobs.

5 MEDIUM, MODEL: Wear well-tailored waist and shoulder lines, ankle-length skirts, skin-tight bodices. Beware: All exaggerated effects—such as big capes, fur collars, large prints.

6 MEDIUM, LARGE HIPS: Wear tent coats, slightly flared or straight skirts with inverted pleats. Beware: Drindles, tight fitting or apron-fronted skirts, flouncy ballerina suits, and bows.

7 TALL, THIN: Wear the new tent coats, belted or flowing, very full skirts, bishop sleeves. Choose two-colour outfits, horizontal stripes, tartans. Beware: Skinny tube dresses, very high heels, short skirts, tight sweaters.

8 TALL, MODEL: Wear any fashion that suits your personality. Beware: Fussiness, and very small prints.

9 TALL, PLUMP: Wear dark colours, a good waist corset, long skirts, medium with belt, deep cut or cameo necklines, long fitted sleeves. Beware: Jerseys and shimmering light skirts, big bows or flounces.

STYLE IN
CHILDREN'S
CLOTHES

OUTFITTING the youngsters for Spring won't be any cheaper this year, but at least you'll be getting the last word in styling for your money.

The Empire waistline, dolman sleeves and the stoles that are high fashion news among glamorous women will be equally fashionable for three-year-olds.

Mothers, according to the buyers at New York's Juvenile Style Mart, buy for style and not for practicality. They will buy the dress with the extra ruffle if their daughters look more attractive in it, even though it means more ironing.

One dress for girls from three to six was a navy blue print skirt with a high, Empire waist and a shirred top of white, dotted Swiss. The elbow length sleeves were edged with a tiny white ruffle.

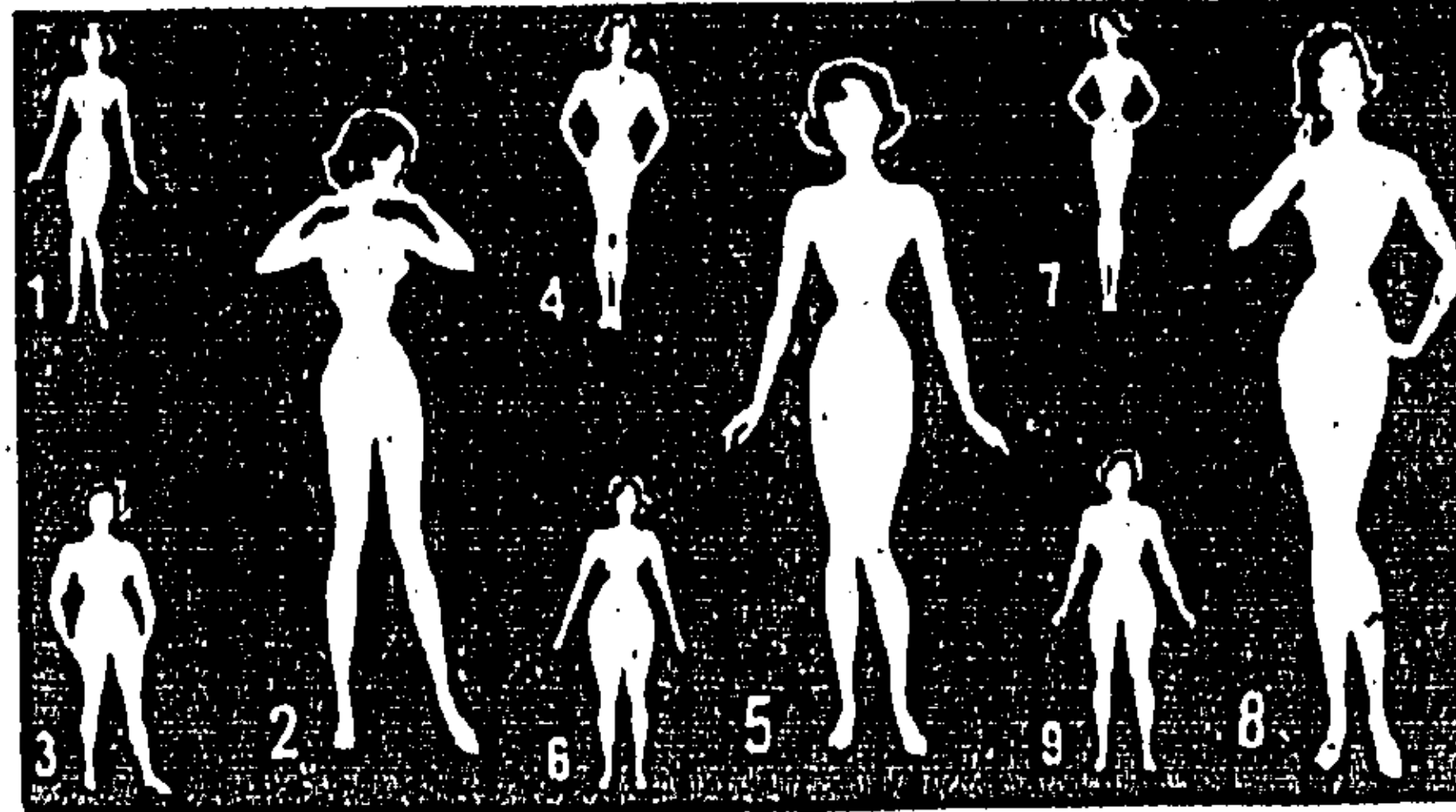
Another miniature chambray print had a detachable, three-cornered stole draped with beading, sophistication around the cap sleeves.

Even the youngsters' spring hats will be patterned closely after big sister's or mother's. Tiny, open-crowned straw cloches and junior imitations of the popular visor cap were favourites on the Spring buyers' market. Navy blue will be the best spring hat colour in felt, according to one authority, and natural shades will be favourites again in straw.

Navy blue is also expected to be the biggest-selling coat colour from tots to teens. A typical coat made both for a tot and for her big sister is a navy blue coat with an attached shoulder cape edged in navy blue pin check.

The little boys aren't forgotten in the new styles. A two-overall suit in corduroy and washable gabardine is one of the new styles put out by one manufacturer for boys from one to four. The suit includes one pair of navy blue gabardine overalls and a second pair in maize corduroy, with a short, reversible jacket.

—Elizabeth Toomey.



FULL skirt or straight?—The London Shows tip both....

Anne
Edwards

LONDON.

LATEST tip-off from the London fashion shows which opened recently is that full skirts will be slimmer—and slim skirts fuller.

According to London designers, the outside parachute skirt is as dated as the narrow hobble skirt. Smart women will wear a little of each.

Robb's drawings here reflect this latest trend, and show you how to have four-frock wardrobe with two dresses.

One dress is full-skirted, the other is Tube Look, and both are made in two separate parts. Made in an interchangeable colour scheme and materials (wool and taffeta were used in the original) the tops and skirts of both are interchangeable as well.

Basic frock No. 1 is in black taffeta, has a full skirt, low neckline framed with a deep roll collar.

Basic frock No. 2 is in plain black wool, revers and cuffs backed with black taffeta.

Alternative No. 1 is made by combining the black wool bodice with the taffeta skirt.

Alternative No. 2 combines the taffeta bodice with the narrow wool skirt.

CHECK YOURSELF
IDEAS THAT DATE YOU. If you do a thing a minimum is something to do with insurance. Believe secondhand furniture is the kind

you pick up cheap... think that duffle coats are worn by ex-Servicemen... don't know that there is a black market in chickens at controlled price... expect veal and ham pie to be veal and ham... say, "I had a most enjoyable time," instead of "blissful" or "out of this world."

ON YOUR LIST?

MEN I hate, The Ageing Wolf.
When you meet him, he says, "I haven't slept since I saw you in your little check frock. (Oh, well, it may have been striped—I'm only a man.)"

When he knows you a little better he uses the technique that was successful before: his side-brushed hair had to be "arranged" on top. Except that now he says "To see my television" instead of "etchings," and for "Run out of petrol" substitutes "Left my coupons behind."

When you meet him at a dance he insists on doing all the rumbas to prove he's not old as he really is. In business he is incapable of not using his boyish Mayfair charm to get a good bargain from a woman. But his real objective seldom changes: it is usually blonde—and about 21.

NOTEBOOK

I HEAR some quick-off-the-market firms are selling "Robert Mitchum" cigarettes. The newest over-50 cocktail fashion is for Queen Mary pearls—seven loops starting high round the throat.

Brushes You Need for Beauty

NO good-looks equipment is complete without a number of brushes. Get the best and replace them as soon as the bristles weaken. This practice is particularly necessary with toothbrushes.

An association of dentists recently made a survey, found that many brushes in daily use were in a sad state, not only worn out, but far from clean.

Be fussy when selecting a hair brush. A narrow one, with bristles set in groups, can be kept cleaner than the old-fashioned wide one with bristles packed close together.

Brush your precious wool, strand by strand, with a rolling motion. Neglect this grooming and your hair will lack lustre. Nothing like it to put hair in form.

A complexion brush is about the best present one can give a young girl whose skin is speckled with blackheads. Fastening a soaped wash cloth over the face is a casual performance, especially for the teenager. With a brush live suds can

be fluffed up. The little black points will soon be discouraged. Have a tiny brush for your eye-lashes and eyebrows. Better still, have two, in case you use mascara, so they can be washed frequently.

Most important is a bath brush. The skin all over the body is in a state of decay and renewal, dead scales shedding, new ones taking their place. The baneful BO clings to dead scales; only soap suds and brisk friction will remove them.

If you do your manicuring instead of trotting to the beauty shop to have the beauty operator overhaul your talons, you will need a nail brush. By scrubbing your claws with soapy water and firm bristles you will soften and loosen the cuticle around the nails, so it can be lifted by the orange wood stick, and hangnails will not torment you.

A clothes brush is a "must" for good grooming. Give clothes, hats a thorough brushing before each wearing.

Smartest restaurant in London cautiously serving frogs legs for the first time in its history last week got an enthusiastic reception—153 portions sold in two days. . . .

TRANSLATION
WHAT they really mean when they say "Please yourself" means Do what I want.

"I like to see your hair"—I don't like your hat.

"I couldn't let my wife work"—I don't mind her toiling at the housework—without pay.

"Let's sit by the firelight"—Let's save the electricity bill.

"I don't approve of women smoking"—There won't be enough to go round.

"I only like dancing on occasions"—Never.

"I'm fond of my wife, but . . ."—He's time for you as well.

"It's very striking, isn't it?"—Too many people are going to think so.

"I don't like meals in restaurants"—You cook it.

SHORT STORY
A YOUNG MOTHER I know lost her daughter at the circus fun-fair. What she remembers best about the ensuing 40 minutes is the efficiency of the Red Cross people warning all the doormen to look out for a little girl of three in a camel coat, the kindness of their repeated "She'll turn up—they always do," and "Don't distress yourself—we get 40 or 50 every day."

But above all the over-riding mental picture of a small dumb blonde wandering on through a doorway and turning up as a little girl's body on a bomb-site.

The thing that struck her most forcibly about the search was the high rating given by the broadcast system to the performers' nerve.

"We can't broadcast a description," they explained to the distraught mother, "it upsets the animals."

The young lady turned up all right in the end.

She was at the darts stall, and none too pleased at being rescued. "Goway," she said fiercely to her discoverer. It turned out she was getting her turns free.

GIRLS TOGETHER
OVERHEARD at the London fashion shows:—

"My dear Anne Edwards, that piece of yours about fashion addresses let the pigeon out among the cats."

"I wonder why she thinks it necessary to tell everyone she made her hat herself?"

"What makes him think a woman like me would be interested in a man like him?"

TAILPIECE
Memo to Edith (Whitehall's famous cook)
Butter is to mangle
What salmon is to smother.

New handbags
Bigger but neater

by SUSAN DEACON

THIS month in London and in Paris, spring fashions will get their first showing.

New trends, new lines, and old colours with new names will appear. (Incidentally, could we be spared this season the doubtful meaning of such colour names as clouded chocolate pine, off black donkey?)

Accessories for the Spring have already been given a preview and show that the best handbags, although bigger, are mostly neat with a smoother outline.

The pouched, dressy bags which were so popular with last Spring's full skirts give way to squared or elongated shapes which are made with a flat bottom so that the bag stands up.

The under-the-arm bag is not in demand in spite of its promotion in Paris. English women want handles and a roomy inside.

There is a minimum of gilt on the new bags—clasp are mainly leather covered. If gilt is used be sure that it has been given a lacquer finish, otherwise it will tarnish in wet weather.

Among the new bags I noticed black and navy calf with a snakeskin lining—and they were not as expensive as they seemed.

Imitation crocodile made from plastic is selling cheaply. Most of these bags have an adjustable

shoulder strap which can also be used as a short handle.

Although the shoulder strap is no longer high fashion, its use for the housewife who needs her hands free to manage shopping and small children is invaluable.

Cocktail bags increase in popularity. They are either black with gilt frames or made in taffeta and velvet in clear pinks, pale blues, and lilac shades.

I liked a new leather for Spring called "desert hide," a light beige colour of leather. It is inexpensive—it really is washable, and it complements other colours as well as white does, without marking so easily.

"Accessories" heading gloves, too, have a news interest. I have seen black silk gloves with a pink or blue net forefinger, the colour continuing in a diagonal strip across the back of the hand.

Very long gloves, except for evening wear, are not so popular. I saw more elbow-length gloves, and I was glad to see again the high fashion American "shorties." These are washable white gloves usually hand stitched and worn very short.

Long Victorian umbrellas continue to be fashionable, and I have seen some delightful frilled umbrellas covers which add to their elegance.

PASTEL
HAIR

By JUSTINE GLASS

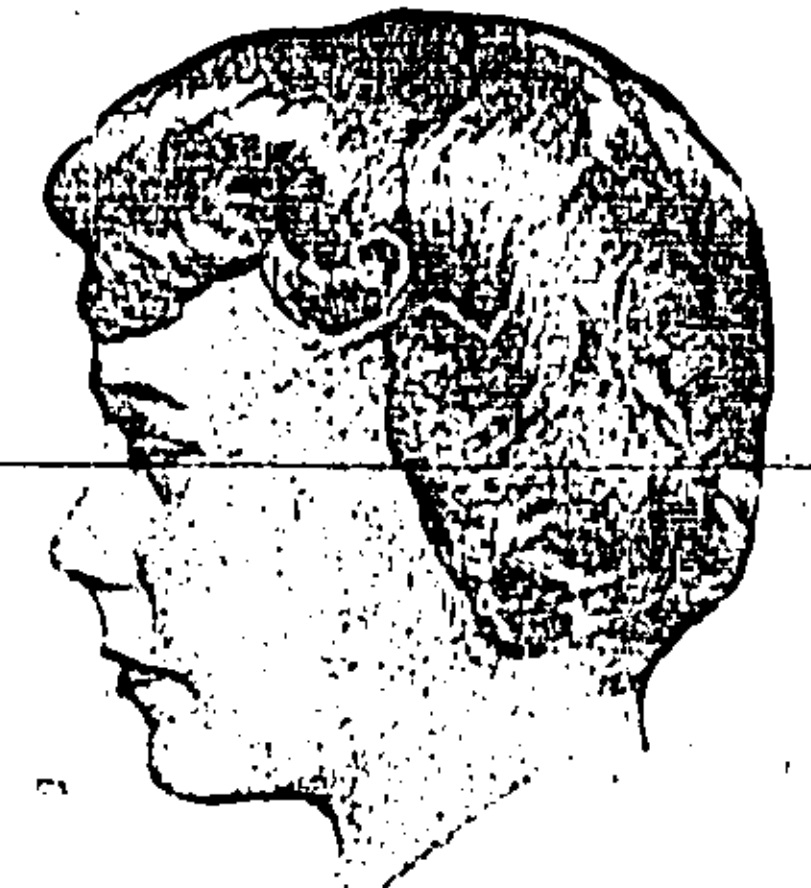
PARIS says pastel hair. It is the big beauty news there, and women here are taking to it already.

You can go gunmetal, which isn't bluish, as you'd think, but the most delicate shade of bronze, you can imagine, or steel or sapphire to ghost blue-grey tones; or off-copper, which is like a pink gleam of copper in moonlight, or honey-blond.

These are smoky, misty variations of pastel shades. Leading West End hairdressers tell me that only a few years ago this pastel hair idea would not have caught on here at all.

In France yes, because they say French women would never have cared who knew their hair was dyed.

Once a "retouch" was a dead secret in this country, but now apparently English women don't care any more either.



The short-hair classic.

Dyed hair is almost more natural than natural hair, because they say:—

1. Bleaching is so much easier, quicker, and does not harm the hair.

2. Such tremendous strides have been made in developing rinses.

3. More people are going grey younger than ever before.

Trichologists (hair doctors to you) say the average age for greying hair is 30. A generation ago it was 50.

Reasons, they tell me, are chiefly nerve strain (worry, anxiety, and so on), and particularly lack of right nutrition.

Apparently, we cannot eat what it takes to keep the pigment-forming machinery going.

So women who are apt to get an inferiority complex from going grey too soon are going grey instead. Hence pastel hair.

It is romantic, it is subtle, it is flattering and feminine.

Everything for spring and summer is being keyed to the new trend.

A new material has been brought out from it, or, rather, grand-mamma's favourite in a new guise—Alpacas. She would not recognise it—it is printed with flowers in shadowed colours with tiny lines and faint dots.

Hats to go with it are Italian straw in pastel shades to tone with the hair do's.

The straw is soft, and collapses like an opera hat when you take it off. You pull it on and it stays half-cloche.

Underneath these hats we'll be wearing our front hair short, curled, or combed straight forward, but the back will be long enough to make a soft frame for face and neck.

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

PLAN BEFORE YOU PAY

By MARION CLYDE MCCARROLL

WHATEVER your purchases may be, there never was a time when it was so important to plan before you buy. Whether it's food or clothes, new furniture or a house, if you do anything in a hurry, without plenty of planning and forethought, you're almost certain to regret it.

Nor was there ever a time, either, when it was made easier for the prospective purchaser in any field to do this careful advance planning. The advice of experts in food, home furnishings and decoration, fashions, housing and any other department of life is readily available in books, magazines and newspapers; in special pamphlets and bulletins; on the lecture platform and over the air.

Latest devices to help you apply what you read or hear about home building and home furnishing, however, and to help you work out your own ideas in either, are the kits that enable you to construct a model house or plan a model room.

There is, for example, the 315-piece kit with which you can build a model of anything from a four to a nine room house, experimenting with different plans until you find the one that suits you best, which point, if you intend to build, you can call in your architect and get the builder lined up.

Layout Sheets

The kit includes layout sheets, plastic footings, wall sections and furniture cut-outs for every room, plus, of course, simple instructions—everything you need to construct your dream home in miniature, scaled half an inch to the foot. It costs around US\$5.

Another kit with which you can create a faithful visualisation of the house you want to build comes in the form of a booklet entitled "How to Plan the House You Want". Illustrations of various plans with which to experiment; plastic construction pieces for putting the house together and up stairs, eaves and roofs for secure building; and, again, furniture cut-outs.

The makers of this particular kit have three different types—one with which six different model houses can be made; one that builds twelve different houses and a third which can be used to make as many as eighteen miniature houses of different designs.



THINKING OF BUILDING? MAKE SURE that dream house comes out just as you want it by working out your ideas in advance in model form, with a kit designed specially for the purpose. Fun for winter evenings!

Prices of kits run from US\$3.50 to \$9.50.

Then there's the kit which gives you the materials to plan the decoration and furnishing of rooms. This one consists of 70 wooden pieces or "symbols" as the maker calls them, each of which represents a particular part of a room—windows, doors, fireplace, etc.—or an article of furniture, plus a squared-off floor plan in which each square equals a square foot, and, of course, an instruction book to show you, step by step, just how to go about designing your room.

This room-planning kit costs US\$0.95.

NEW SOFA BEDS OF ALL TYPES

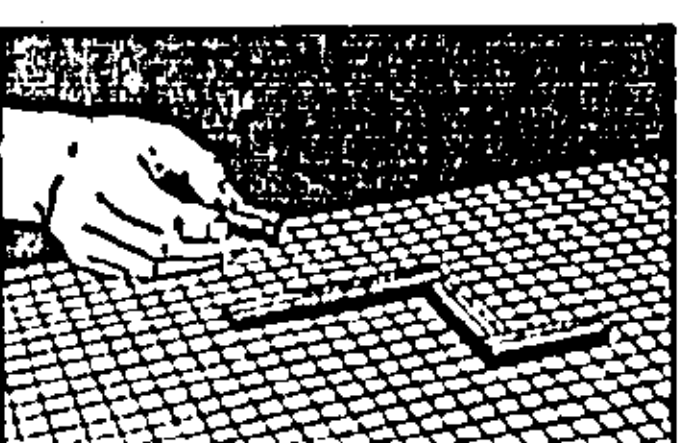
By ELEANOR ROSS

THE people that just will at the mention of sofa bed, quite evidently must be thinking of the old-fashioned variety. Had they seen the latest offerings at the furniture shows, and had they been permitted to try out some of the fine new pieces available, we are sure that they would have taken it all back. Convertible sleeping equipment is now as handsome as the handsomest of sofas, as comfortable as the finest of beds, and designed to serve both decoratively and functionally in the finest of decors.

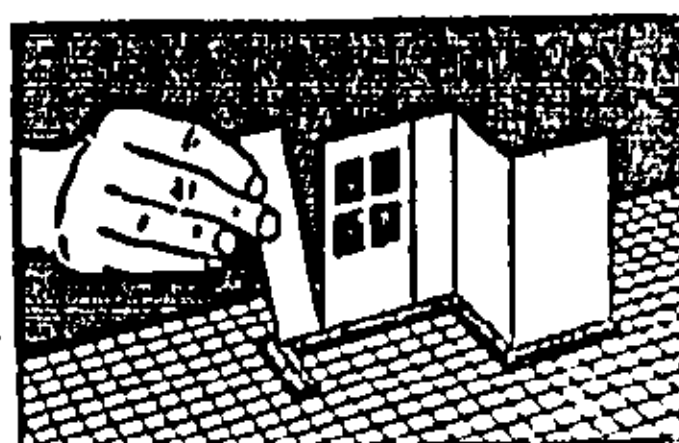
The outstanding feature in the new lines is the variety of upholstery fabrics, with fringes, tapestries, in new colours and designs, plus nubby weaves, and some handsome new metallic cloth that would be beautiful in a modern job. Fringe and box-pleated ruffles appear on several models.

Heretofore designed in 18th Century, Early American and Modern styles, the new sofa beds have done much branching out into adaptations of the various periods. Regency, Sheraton and Lawson designs have been adapted to both modern and traditional models, with excellent results.

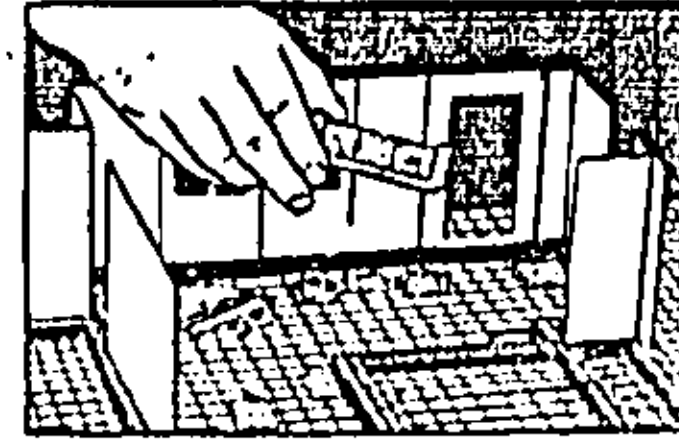
We noted that many manufacturers have laid stress on distinctive arm designs as a point of interest. There is the sloping Regency arm, and, most pleasing to many, a broad arm of leatherette with a door in front providing storage space within the arm itself.



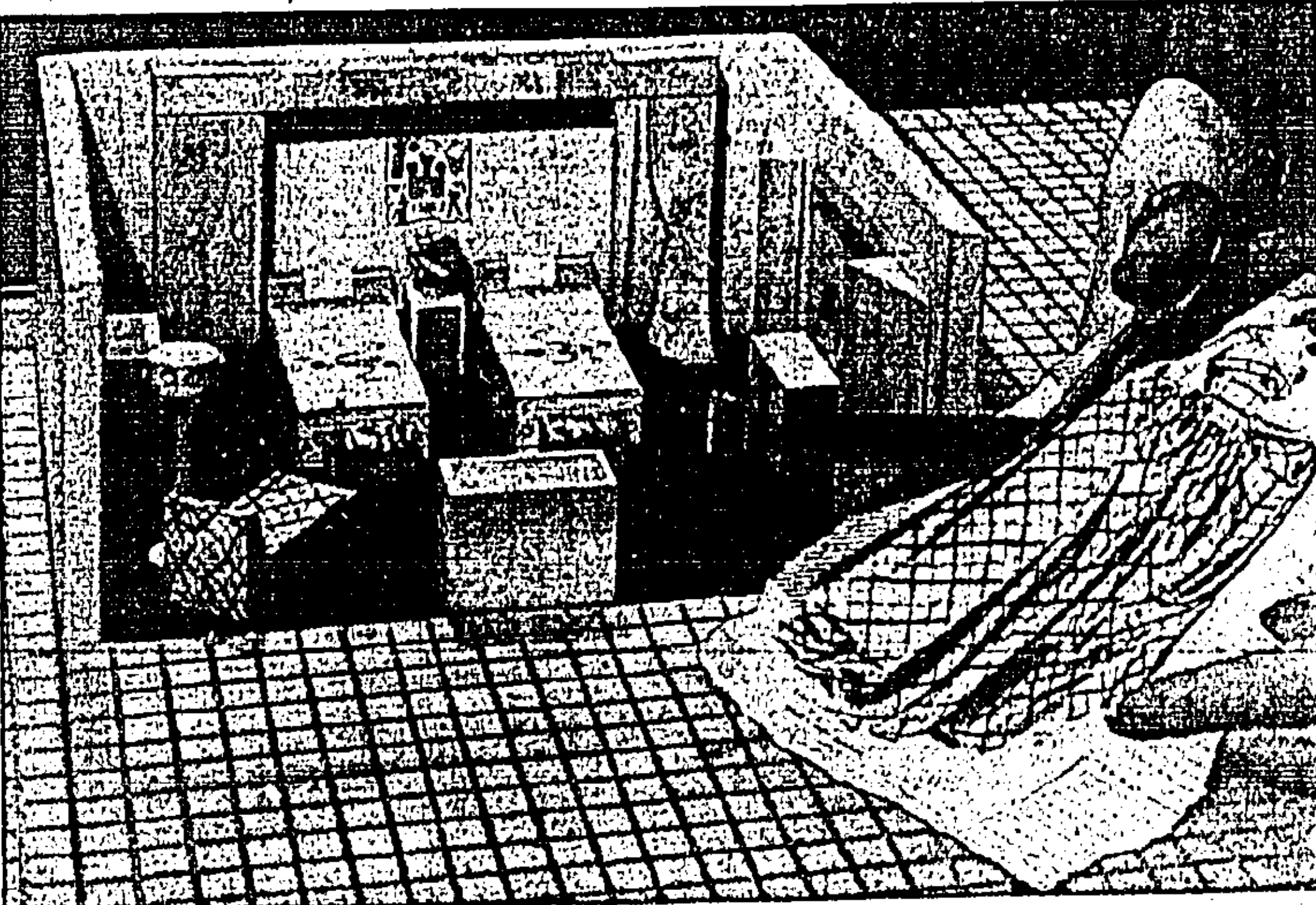
START BUILDING BY placing slotted plastic footings on layout sheets, making an outline of all walls.



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Got A Cold? Eat Wisely

"EVERYBODY seems to have a cold these days," remarked the Chef. "It must be the weather, or perhaps they do not keep themselves warm enough."

"It's neither," I remarked. "It's due to fatigue, insufficient rest and overeating rich foods. There is no reason why we should continue to stuff ourselves at meals, and to eat late every night. And besides, at this season of the year, we don't eat enough fresh fruits and vegetables, or drink enough water, to help elimination and to keep on the alkaline side."

"How about orange juice and tomato juice?" queried the Chef.

Both Valuable

"Both are very valuable with their high content of vitamin C. We should have a big glass of one or the other twice a day. If the weather is cold, they may be taken hot. By the way, orange juice heated in a double boiler and sweetened with honey is an excellent nightcap drink."

"I have also tried that combination for a hot orange egg nog," said the Chef, "and it is very good, especially when one does not feel like eating lunch."

You may have noticed that it's when we get over-tired that we "catch" cold. If everybody—and I mean everybody—would get some extra rest there wouldn't be so many colds. Children need a longer nap-time. Young mothers need to stretch out flat and relax at least twice a day for 10 minutes. Career girls need a short rest before dinner, so to men. The great mistake many of us make is failing to act promptly when the first signs of a cold appear. We think it's too trivial and let it go at that. When a cold does get us we should eat plenty of vegetables for bulk, and little or no meat. Keep off excessive sweets and chocolates. Starches should be cut in half, and fresh or stewed fruits be used for dessert. Drink a cup of hot water every hour or so, or use half hot water and any fruit juice you like. As to the regular meals, for twenty-four to forty-eight hours they might be:

Breakfast: Stewed apricots, whole wheat toast and butter, coffee with hot milk, milk for children.

Lunch: Hot tomato or vegetable juice, a green tossed or vegetable salad, or cooked vegetables, whole wheat bread and butter, fruit, tea, milk for children.

Dinner: Clear soup, a vegetable plate with cottage cheese, rolls and butter, stewed fruit or apple sauce, coffee, milk for children.

Before retiring take a cup of hot honeyed orange juice—and go to bed early. It helps. Keep up this re-

gimen for a day or so after the cold succumbs. But if the cold hangs on, it pays to call your doctor.

Dinner

Turkey-Corn Soup Crackers
Barbecued Pork Chops
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Cabbage Pickled Beets
Cottage Cheese Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Turkey Corn Soup
Break or chop the bones and frame of a cold turkey after all the meat has been removed. Add bits of rind, skin and trimmings which cannot be used in any other way. Put into a good-sized kettle with 2 qts. cold water; add 1 large onion chopped, 1 large carrot chopped, and 1 c. chopped celery tips. Also add 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, 2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. grated lemon rind. Cover and simmer 2 hrs. Then strain, pressing as much vegetable as possible through the sieve. Bring to boiling point. Thicken with 2 tbsp. flour stirred smooth with 1/4 c. tomato or vegetable juice. Add 1 tsp. gravy seasoning and simmer 2 min. Add 1 small tin corn kernels and heat. If desired, a little of the turkey stuffing may be diced and used to garnish each plate of soup. Or use chopped green peppers and celery sautéed in butter; or very small drop dumplings may be cooked in the soup 10 min. before serving.

Barbecued Pork Chops
Brush any cut pork chops with barbecue sauce. Dust with salt and pepper; broil until brown on both sides, about 3" from the heat. Then place in a baking dish. Pour over 1/4 c. barbecue sauce to moisten. Cover and bake about 30 min., or until fork-tender, in a moderate oven, 350 F. If desired, the pork chops may be placed in a good-sized baking utensil suitable to send to the table; and 10 min. before they will be done, may be surrounded with spoonfuls of flaky mashed potato, which will be browned by the time the chops are done.

Cottage Cheese Pie

Home-make 1 recipe for pie pastry, or use a piecrust mix. Line a 9" pie plate with the pastry; build up the edges by fluting with the fingers. For the filling mix together 1/2 c. sugar, 1 tsp. flour and 1/4 tsp. salt. Add 1 c. (8 oz.) cottage cheese, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice and 2 well beaten eggs. Stir in 2 1/2 c. whole milk. Pour into the lined pie plate. Place in a hot oven, 400 F. for 10 min. to set the crust. Then reduce the heat and continue baking in a moderate oven, 350 F. until firm in the centre, and a knife, when inserted, comes out clean.



LATEST chapter in the back-to-grand-mother fashion movement is the pyjama jean. Since their first appearance on a hand-street pointer they have been quick fire sellers. And not only the slim stars who fall for them," said the shop girl. "We put them out as an experiment. But women are crazy for something new (and preferably a little) even at a 50% in plain white striped cotton, they wash well, faster with buttons and baby ribbon, and are made in two separate halves—smock top and fitted jeans.



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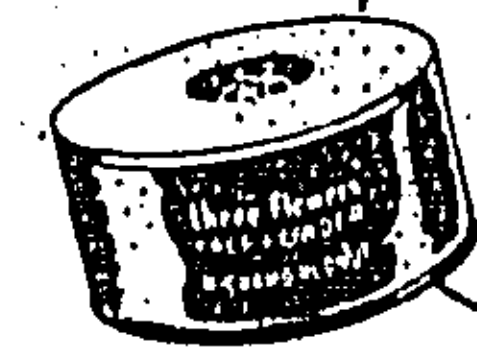
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SECOND POSTWAR DOG SHOW

More than 4,000 people attended the second annual dog show of the Hongkong Kennel Club at Happy Valley last Sunday. There were 236 dogs of over 40 specific breeds on view, and all were in excellent condition. On the right is a general view of one of the judging rings, showing part of the large crowd present. Below: Mr. T. M. Poon's smooth-haired fox terrier, Frisco Paddy, which was adjudged the best dog of the show. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



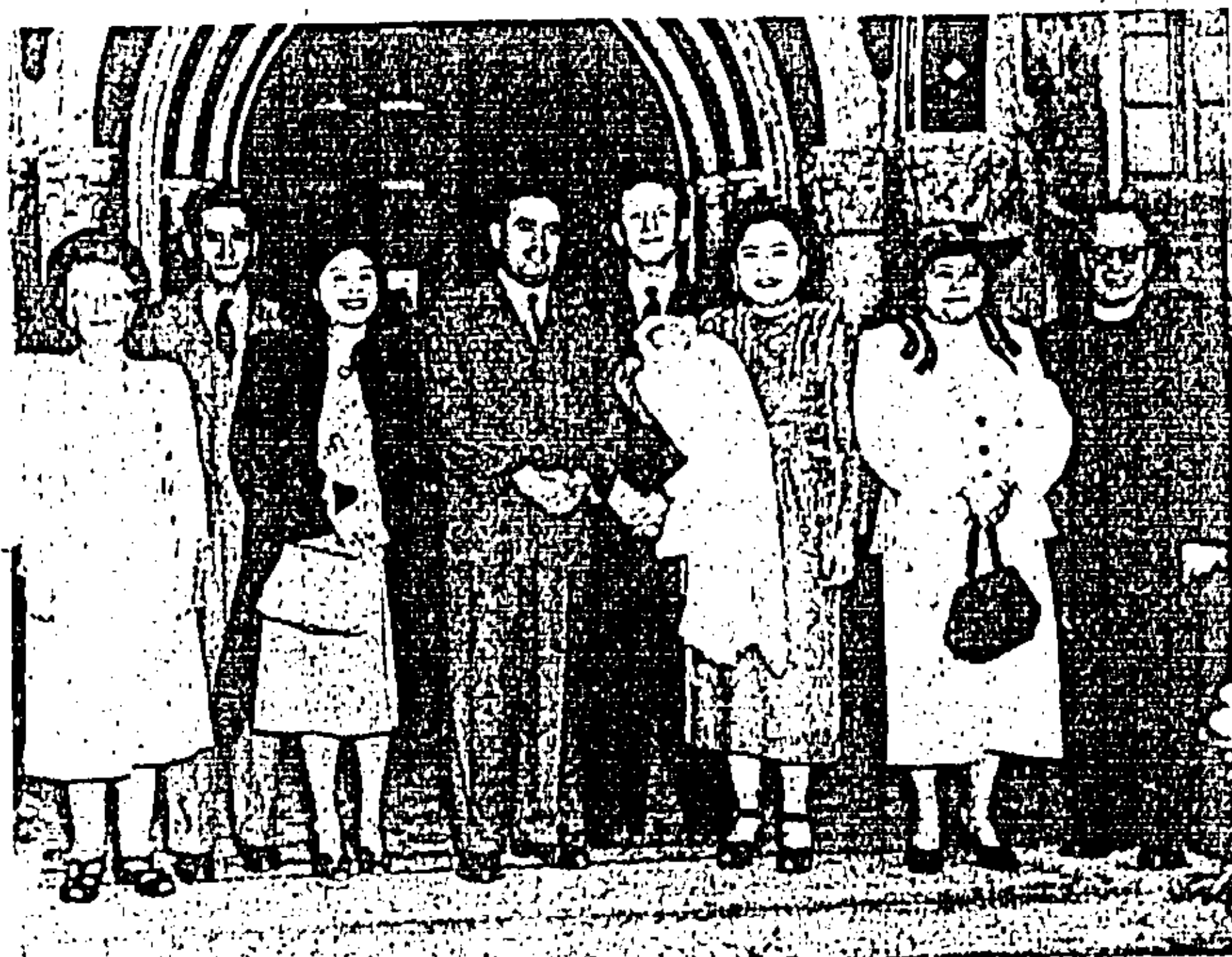
BETTY BETZ, whose column for teen-agers is widely read in America, was mobbed by more than two thousand youngsters on Tuesday at the Haw Par estate, where she had planned to hold a party for about two hundred. She had to be rescued from her over-eager admirers by a police squad. Part of the crowd is seen above surrounding Miss Betz. Below: Betty Betz responds to requests for her autograph. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, presenting prizes at the dog show held at Happy Valley last Sunday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Werner A. Thomann, Consul for Switzerland in Canton, and Mrs Maria J. Stenning, who were married in Hongkong on Tuesday. This picture was taken at the reception held at the Hongkong Hotel. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Two scenes from the Hongkong University Art Association's production of "The School For Scandal". (Ming Yuen)

LEFT: Picture taken on the occasion of the christening at St Joseph's Church on Monday of Elaine Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. W. Cotton. (Ming Yuen)



ABOVE are seen the Pui To Girls' Middle School and the Pui Ching Boys' Middle School teams, who have been figuring prominently in the inter-school basketball series. (Mainland Studio)

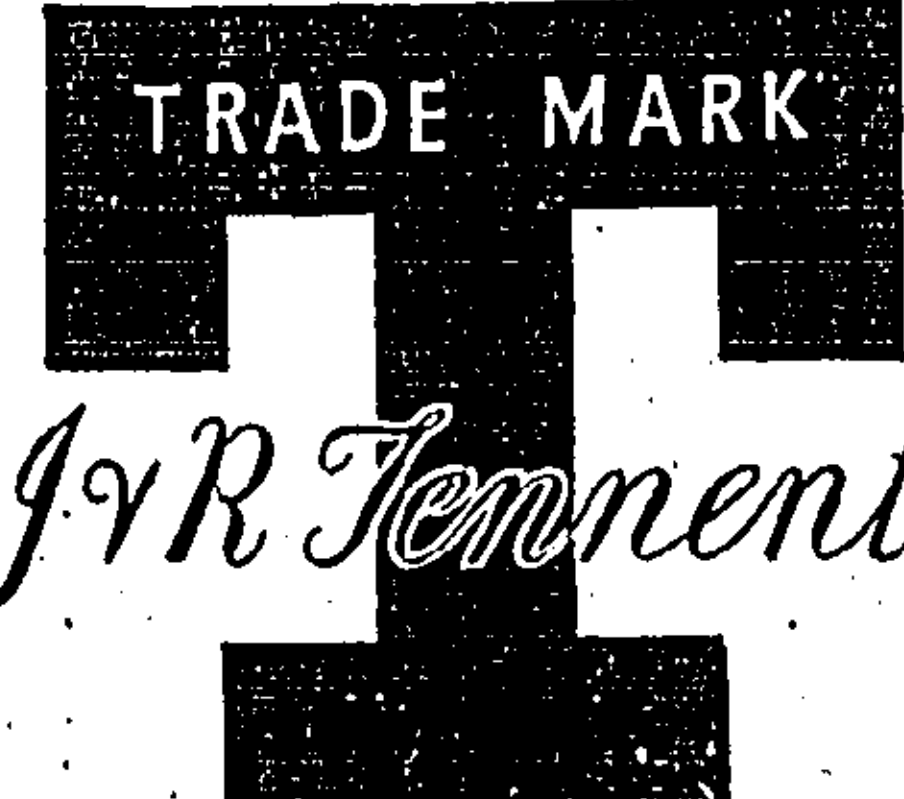
RIGHT: The Scottish team, which defeated a Wales-Ireland XV by 14 to nil in the international rugby series at Happy Valley last Saturday. (Golden Studio)



MR and Mrs Robert Lum (right), who were married last Saturday, respond to the good wishes of guests at their wedding reception at the Peninsula Hotel. The bride was Miss Vivienne King. (Amay)



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JULIA, the daughter of Pastor Sch weppenhauser, married a Polish school master and founded a dynasty.

Not that she thought of it in that way. To leave Rechten, in Bavaria, and become the wife of a pedagogue called Hauke, in Warsaw, was sufficient honour for any middle-class girl.

But because of it, on a branch of his family tree the new baby, Prince Charles of Edinburgh, will find the name of good Frau Hauke, the minister's daughter.

From her happy union sprang the distinguished, the eccentric, the theatrically dramatic house of Mountbatten.

To have a king and a viceroy among her descendants must surely have been beyond the expectations of a woman who wanted only successful careers for her three sons.

The circumstances of the time made that easy for her. The first son rose to be a general in the Czar's service. He died leading his troops against the rebellious Poles.

A grateful emperor undertook the education of his daughter, another Julia, and in due time she married a princeling of the house of Hesse.

The ancients of Hesse searched for a title to give his wife and children. They chose a small seat in Hesse, Battenberg, Julia was created Countess of Battenberg, and from 1858 her children were raised to Princes and Princess of Battenberg.

BRIGHT HONOURS

THE race of Battenbergs became an intricate one. It married into six royal houses. It performed all the gyrations and acrobatics that make genealogy a complex science.

The oak of the family had two stems. One turned east and withered in the heat of two great wars.

Julia's second son became Prince Alexander I. of Bulgaria. Her fourth married a Montenegro princess.

The other stem turned west to Britain, where it grew and flowered.

To the first son, Prince Louis Alexander, and the third, Henry Maurice, were to come bright honours.

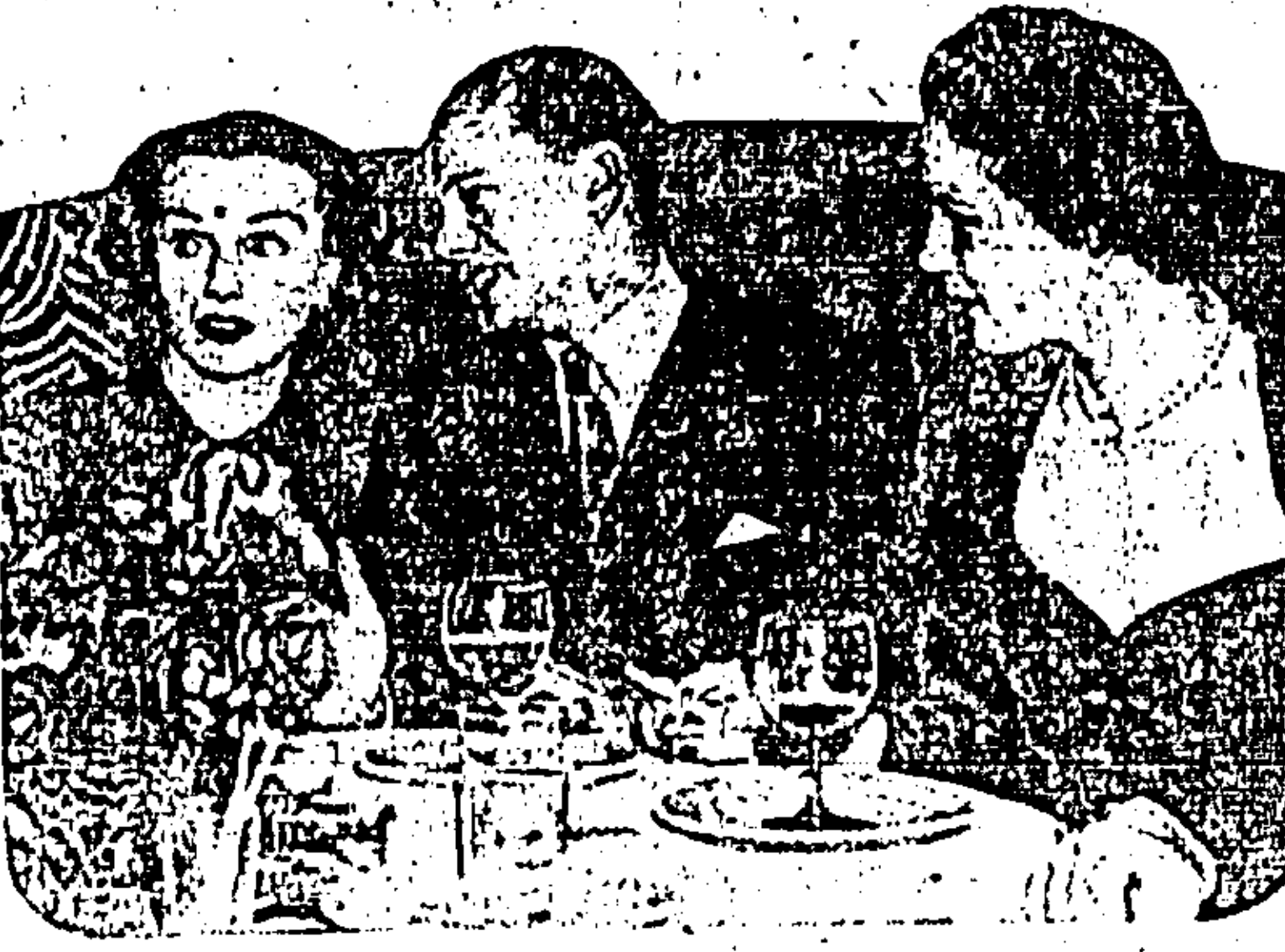
They built two great families and gave Britain soldiers, sailors, statesmen, and playboys.



LADY MOUNTBATTEN says a coy goodbye to India's new Governor-General.



THE SUPREMO... No possibilities are great enough to stagger him.



LORD MILFORD HAVEN in a New York night club with dinner guests Lynn Merrick (left) and Mary Damon.

It sires kings, sells radiators, boosts chewing gum and makes Socialism Royal

One was to sire a king-to-be, and a man who was to close a chapter of British history.

The other was to produce an attractive model for chewing-gum advertisements.

In the roll of central Europe's plains Prince Louis has seen the movement of the sea.

At 14, a naturalised Briton, he had a British midshipman's white tabs on his collar.

"Batts," as he was known on quarter-deck and lower deck, had a genius for naval administration. He was also an inventor. It was said that when he died he would be sure to invent some gadget that Heaven needed.

NELSON TOUCH

WHEN the Bulgarians offered him a crown vacated by his brother, he pointed to the White Ensign on his ship and said: "I think more of that than the whole of your petty States."

It was the Nelson touch, the Palmerston touch, the bulldog breed. It delighted the British.

When the 1914 war came he was First Sea Lord and the favourite of Winston Churchill. He had done much to prepare the Navy for the conflict.

Then malicious rumour spat at him. He was a German. Could he be trusted to control the Navy in battle against his German relatives? The smear campaign spread to the floor of Parliament.

He wrote to Churchill: "My birth and parentage have the effect of impairing in some respects my usefulness." It was a letter of resignation.

He went to lonely retirement, watched curiously by the people of the Isle of Wight.

In 1917, the nation made some recompense. The British Battenbergs, at the request of George V., renounced their family name and took that of Mountbatten, a literal translation. To Prince Louis was given the marquessate of Milford Haven.

"I don't think it half enough," exploded J. H. Thomas. "What that man has done for the Navy is almost beyond belief."

Louis' daughter, Alice, married into the royal family of Greece. Her son, Philip, was in due time to turn to his grandfather's life, the sea, and wed Princess Elizabeth, today the heir to the throne of Britain.

At the time of his resignation Prince Louis had two sons at sea. George his eldest, was a lieutenant. Louis, to be the greatest Mountbatten of all, was a cadet.

What of Henry Maurice, the other stem of the English Battenbergs? Countess Julia's third son, he married Beatrice, youngest daughter of Queen Victoria.

Like his brother, he became a naturalised Englishman. Less spectacular, less talented than his brother, he died at sea in 1896, of a fever contracted during the Ashanti war.

Perhaps he never knew what chewing-gum was. Certainly he could not have forecast that his granddaughter would sponsor it on New York's subway.

Henry's son, Alexander, became Marquis of Carisbrooke. He had one child, the Lady Iris Mountbatten, playgirl, saleswoman, dancer, model, and gossip-writer's dream.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

SHE is now 29, and Lady Iris O'Malley, with hazel eyes, a husky voice, and an appreciation of Battenberg pride.

After the American papers had given her the roughest going-over in her life, she was reported to have said: "I hope my family get the right angle on this."

The right angle would be difficult to estimate. In America, to which she went in 1949, she was arrested for issuing a dishonoured cheque and was released when the debt was paid.

She was ordered to leave when her visitor's permit expired. She went back in 1947 as a "humble immigrant."

She was last pictured in Don Pallini's dancing studio ("for a comfortable figure well up in the five-figure bracket") with arm and shapely knee crooked in a position of rhythmic exaltation.

RUMOURS

GEORGE MOUNTBATTEN, first son of the "Batts," succeeded to the title when his father died in 1921.

His son, now 29 and third Marquis of Milford Haven, is almost as good copy for the U.S. Press as Lady Iris.

He is short, fair-haired, has a D.S.C., which he won on a Malta convoy, and an O.B.E. won when the destroyer Kandahar was sunk.

Known as "The Boy David," he was best man to his cousin Philip, has lunched with Carole Landis for five shillings in a Kingston store, and has recently returned from America, smoking a large cigar in a small holder.

There he has been selling radiators and denying rumours that he is to marry Princess Margaret or a showgirl called Peggy Malcy.



LADY IRIS O'MALLEY Rhythmic exaltation

Without doubt a gallant gentleman with a fine war record, there is much of the Regency buck in him. He once ruined a pair of trousers and a pair of suede shoes riding pillion at West Ham speedway.

In America he exclaimed: "Why can't they leave me alone?" He also sent enthusiastic cables to his Regent-street office, signed "Mil." He told American business men, "over lunch," what he thinks of Socialism.

"Too many Americans think they are advancing us money only to have it wasted in Socialist schemes. We should do more to banish these misunderstandings. I am not a Socialist, but I think the form of government Britain chooses is her concern."

According to reports, he has now become a director of Ronson Products Ltd., British-owned subsidiary of Ronson Art Metalworks.

ONCE BRIGHT

LEFT to the last is the Mountbatten, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, self-styled "Supremo" of S.E.A.C., son of "Batts," sailor, administrator, but "just an ordinary commando" to his wife Edwina.

The transformation of Lord and Lady Louis, from bright young things of whom it was written "the social whirligig moves less cheerfully without them," is a miracle of our age.

The man who was to wear the Garter was once boyishly proud of a cigarette-case given him by a film star.

The woman who was to walk as Viceroy among India's turmoil once held the brightest parties in London.

The woman whose "chrysanthemum-flowered bathing wrap set all hearts beating" later wore with distinction the uniform of the St. John Ambulance Corps.

The young man with the smart Hispano-Suiza and "L.M." on his number-plate, was to handle deftly the uncomfortable task of severing India from the Empire.

Lord Louis' naval career was gallant, sometimes reckless, but always a credit to his father.

BIG WEDDING

IN command of a destroyer flotilla, he gave naval history an epic of courage and his friend, Noel Coward, the plot for a film.

He is not a universal hero. Canadian spirits still burn resentfully over Dioppe, for which he held major responsibility. In S.E.A.C. he was occasionally known as "The Glamour Boy."

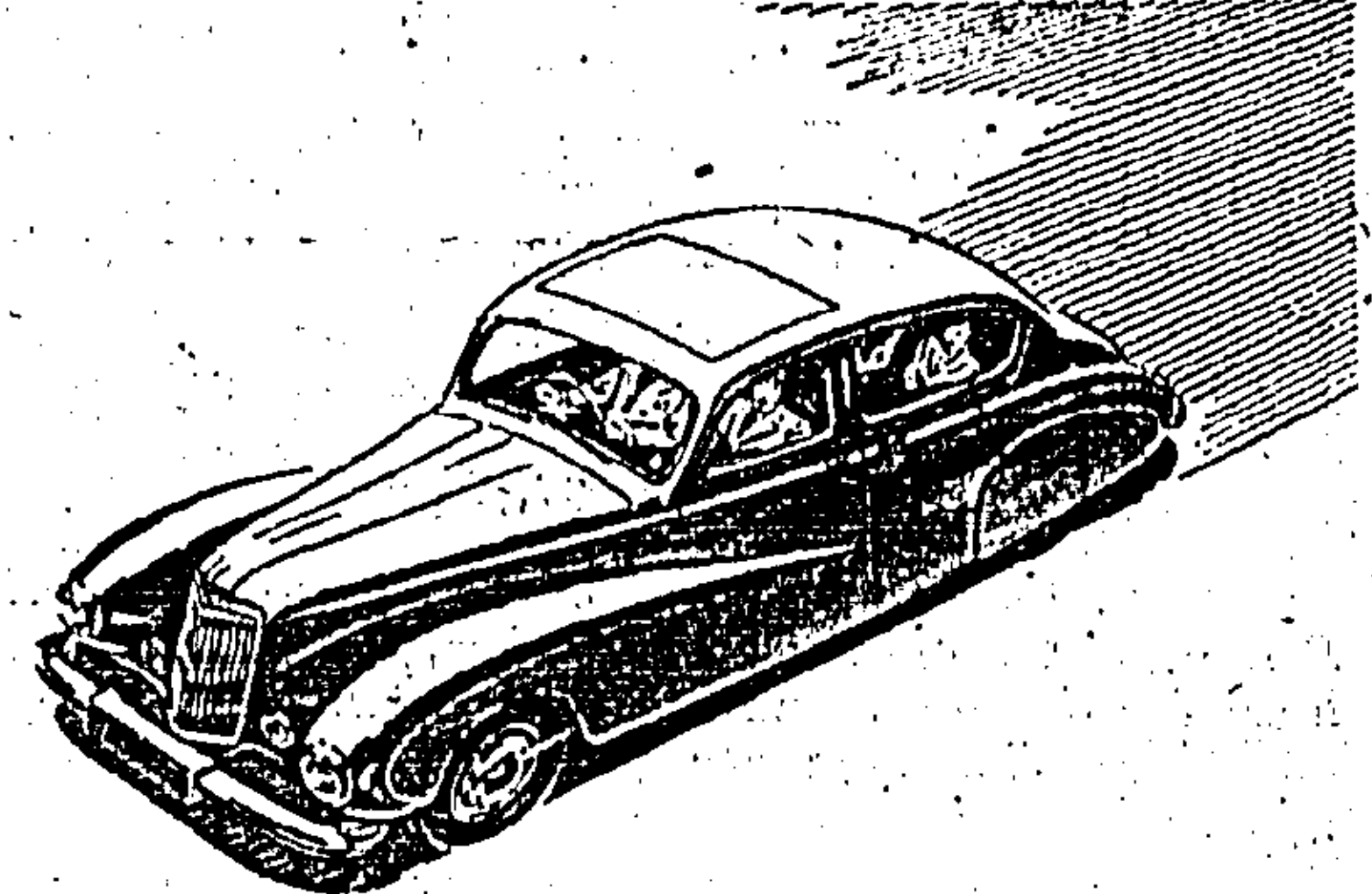
"Vinegar Joe" Stillwell, who led the Americans in Burma, snarled, "That's what makes it so dangerous. Even I like him."

His marriage in 1922 was the social event of the season. His wife, Edwina, was not only the daughter of Lord Mount Temple, but the granddaughter of Sir Ernest Cassel, which meant more. Cassel, of German-Jewish descent, was born in Cologne, the son of a small banker. At 18 he came to London as a clerk.

He had a genius for amassing money, and became a great financial and social power. His close friend was Edward VII, after whom his granddaughter was named.

Edwina brought to Lord Louis an inheritance of something more than two million pounds. Discussions are now understood to be taking place regarding the possibility of breaking up the Cassel Trust, under which Lady Mountbatten and her sister, now Lady Delamere, inherited a fortune.

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TOMORROW'S MOTOR SECRETS TOLD TURBOJET CARS RUN ON PARAFFIN

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

CAR engines based on the turbojets which power our fastest-fighter planes are being designed by several motor firms. Mr James Hodge, jet pioneer, told Government technicians in London recently.

Working like the aircraft power unit, but without the hot jet, they will make driving cheaper, safer, and more comfortable, he said.

Details are top trade secrets, but Mr Hodge, who was a member of jet-inventor Sir Frank Whittle's wartime team, gave some performance facts.

Turbocars will be CHEAPER, he said, because—

(1) They will run on paraffin and diesel oil instead of petrol;

(2) They will use hardly any lubricating oil;

(3) They will need fewer replacements and repairs.

They will be SAFER because—

(1) There will be fewer controls to distract the driver. No clutch or gear-lever will be needed;

(2) Accidental deaths from exhaust-gas poisoning will be impossible. The exhaust from a turbine contains hardly any poisonous carbon monoxide. They will be MORE COMFORTABLE because—

There will be no vibration from the engine. It is possible to silence almost completely the whine of a fast-spinning turbine.

They will be LESS TROUBLE-SOME because—

(1) A turbine starts up just as easily in cold weather.

(2) There will be no worries about freezing up. The turbine engine needs no water cooling system.

The new engines are much smaller than petrol engines of similar power. A 100 horse-power model need be only nine and a half inches wide, said Mr Hodge.

The only disadvantage is that the new engine cannot be used to brake a car down steep hills.

SPORTS

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The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

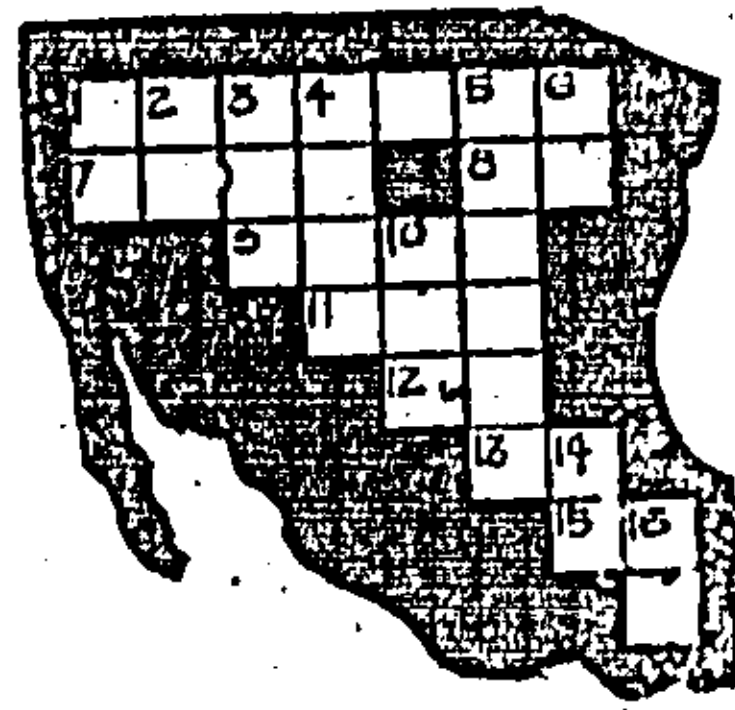
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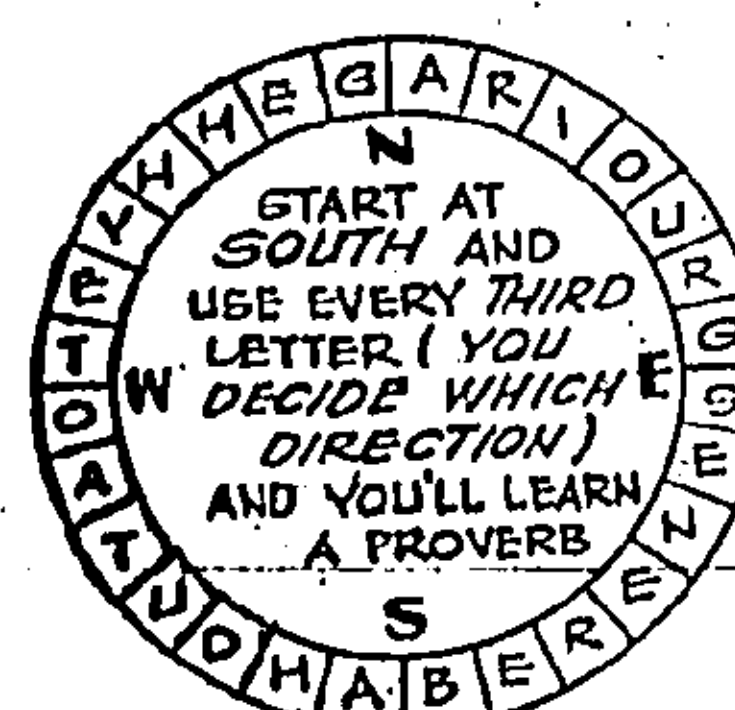
ACROSS

- 1 Crown
- 2 Part in a play
- 3 Exclamation of inquiry
- 4 Linen is made from this
- 5 Master of ceremonies (ab.)
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Each (ab.)

DOWN

- 1 Doctor (ab.)
- 2 Type of butterfly
- 3 Alfred (ab.)
- 4 Remove
- 5 Our puzzle is on the silhouette of—
- 6 Be quiet!
- 7 Upper limb
- 8 Symbol for iron
- 9 White

CRAZY COMPASS



HOMONYM

Missing words in the following sentence sound alike, but are spelled differently. Complete the sentence:

The bear caught its slacker—As it climbed the—tree.

We have a MEXICAN centre for our diamond this time. The second word is "a boy's name," the third "assessments," the fifth "a lure," and the sixth "to voice."

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SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

BORN today, you have tremendous natural talents and can be almost anything you wish provided you concentrate on one thing and stick to it. Dispersing your energies and your interests only will serve to scatter the rewards and lessen them. You must be constantly alert to opportunity and never let a single one slip through your hands.

By nature, your ambitions are high. If you work hard you can make those dreams come true. It seems entirely up to you. You can be master of your own fate as few other individuals can.

You have a magnetic personality and will have a host of friends. However, you also will make enemies for all positive and definite characteristics bring down

a certain amount of criticism at first. However, as you reach your success goal, your opponents will become fewer and your popularity greater. You are attractive to the opposite sex and you enjoy their company.

You can find exceptional happiness in marriage, provided you wed someone who is compatible as well as capable of advancing with you through life. It must be someone, however, with a facile and fluid mind. Otherwise your sympathies may grow apart.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

BORN today, you are very fond of a life of comfort and ease. You heartily dislike the hustle and bustle of a busy world and would be happiest if you never had to lift a finger to earn your own living. However, unless you are born with that proverbial "silver spoon," you may have to do just that: work hard for a living.

Fortunately, your talents are many and if you will get right down to tacking a job, you may be able to make your fortune early and retire to a life of comparative ease later on. But if you putter around and procrastinate, the years will slip by and you never will reach that time when you can sit back and enjoy life as you wish to do.

You are very fond of books, but like only the best. If you tried, you might write well, too. But

unless you hit the big money right away, you had best designate this as your avocation, reserving your writing for the more mellow years. You might do well, however, in some one of the allied fields: publishing, newspaper work, advertising. You have a lot of good ideas and should be able to turn them into money. You are also fond of the stage and have decided musicalship, but both of these professions require hard, unremitting work for exceptional success.

Wed someone who has similar ideals and can help and encourage you at all times to do your best work.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A day of psychic, even occult tendencies. Follow your intuitions if you want to do the right thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be enterprising and gain success. Intuitions are very apt to guide you correctly, too.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—All things pertaining to the fair sex are favourable. Make Sunday visits to family members nearby.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A happy visit to someone or a message filled with good news should brighten this day for you.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—News from a distance, new friends, and opportunities may all bring increased activity and fresh hopes for added success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be practical if confronted with two situations, concerning which you must make up your mind at once.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Home interests are likely to be stressed today. Don't attempt to combine them with business affairs.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—The day may start slowly but it will pick up later on. Be ready to take advantage of some new opportunity then.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Added responsibilities may tend to

strain your resources, so go about things patiently and efficiently.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Romance is still taking first place in your life if you permit it to. A journey or a letter can prove important.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Another poor day, but don't be too pessimistic. The tide will turn for you soon. Meanwhile, be patient.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Guard against a health hazard due to low resistance. Get plenty of rest. Conserve your energies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—You may be a little more adventuresome as regards new ideas and plans. Favourable day for salesmen today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A day in which to make use of your personal charm. A new dress or a new hat may make the impression you desire!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Perhaps conferring with a member of your family will clarify a situation and avoid a misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A definitely romantic day. Be true to yourself and exhibit your true affections. Be responsive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—New friends may bring about a fresh outlook on life. Be co-operative in some community affair, perhaps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Guard against physical upsets due to catching cold. Be careful of your diet; get plenty of rest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—More difficult jobs may come to you, but if you are prepared to undertake them, you can advance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Avoid overwork. Be as efficient as you know how to be and you will conserve energy on the job.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE other day a Government official, intending to ring up a colleague in Bayswater to obtain a report, got the wrong number.

"Hello! How are things in your area?" he asked jauntily. "—awful!" replied a strident voice. "There's four railin's miss'n," a dead cat in the coal 'ole. Ernie's set fire to 'is wooden 'orse on the bottom stop. Ted dropped 'is beer on the bad cheese whin' we put outside, and there's a mouse slaggerin' about drunk as a lord, and 'oo the 'ell are you?"

Hoity-toity, my lady!

POOR Wugwell, who used to be on ear-plucking terms with the equestrienne, Ulla Wretch, before she moved into the lower world of politics, has received this reply to his invitation to her to revisit the scene of her former triumphs: Mrs Wretch feels that no useful purpose would be served by her appearing at Wugwell's Circus. Already, in judicious references in the Press to a kiss outside a public house in Bishop's Stortford have made her constituents uneasy. Mr Morgan Phillips has made it clear that, in this, as in other matters, the past should not be raked up.

Strabismus on the Amazon (IX)

A LONG and tedious despatch arrived this morning. The expedition is pausing on a high plateau. For twelve hours they lived on manioc roots and the juice of the yuca. The mosquitoes and the flies had eaten a great deal of the reserve food, Mrs Rawlins not caught between

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"But, doctor, I can't discuss my ailment with friends when you give it such a commonplace name!"

WEEK-END
QUIZ

1. Noah's Ark came to rest upon the mountain of (a) Ararat, (b) Olives, (c) Carmel, (d) Zion?
2. Can you name a hard wood that will not float? A famous hill is named after it.
3. Which of these authors started their careers as doctors—Somerset Maugham, Francis Brett Young, A. J. Cronin?
4. The first F.A. Cup Final was played at (a) Stamford Bridge, (b) Kennington Oval, (c) Wembley, (d) Crystal Palace, (e) Fallowfield, (f) Manchester?
5. Where would you go to reach (a) Fair City, (b) The Smoke, (c) Auld Reekie?
6. What other city, apart from Rome, is built on seven hills?
7. When Shelley wrote: "Hail to thee, blithe Spirit! Bird thou never wert," what was he addressing?
8. Who was the first batsman to score over 400 runs in an innings in first class cricket?

(Answers on Page 14)

McKENNEY
ON BRIDGE

Guesses Wrong In Seeking Ninth Trick

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

JOHN P. GILBERT of the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., tells me that he is going to have "crying towels" placed in the Bamboo Room of the Roney Plaza when the bridge experts assemble there for the winter national tournament.

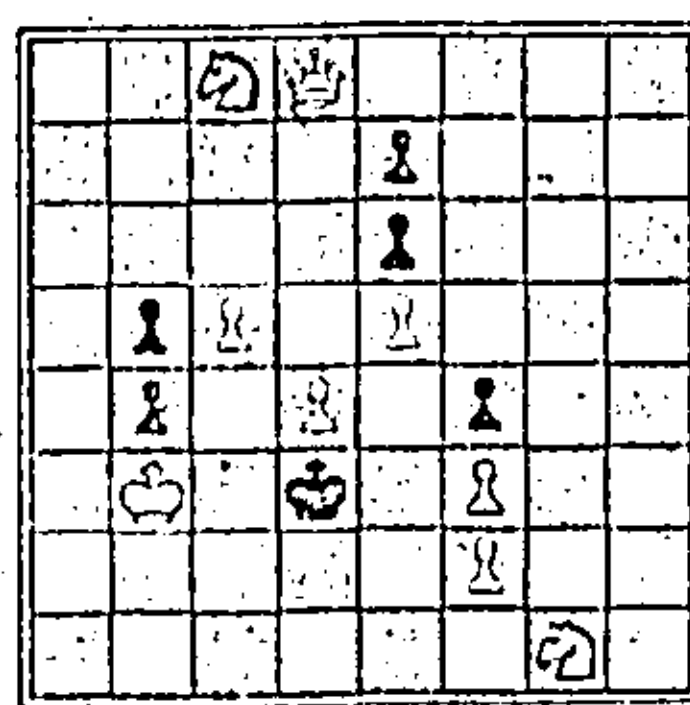
These special "crying towels" can be used by the players who make a mistake in the tournament. Morton Downey says that if some of the players really get down in the dumps over pulling a bad play, he will sing them to sleep with an Irish lullaby.

We will have to admit that the declarer who guessed today's hand wrong was entitled to one of those

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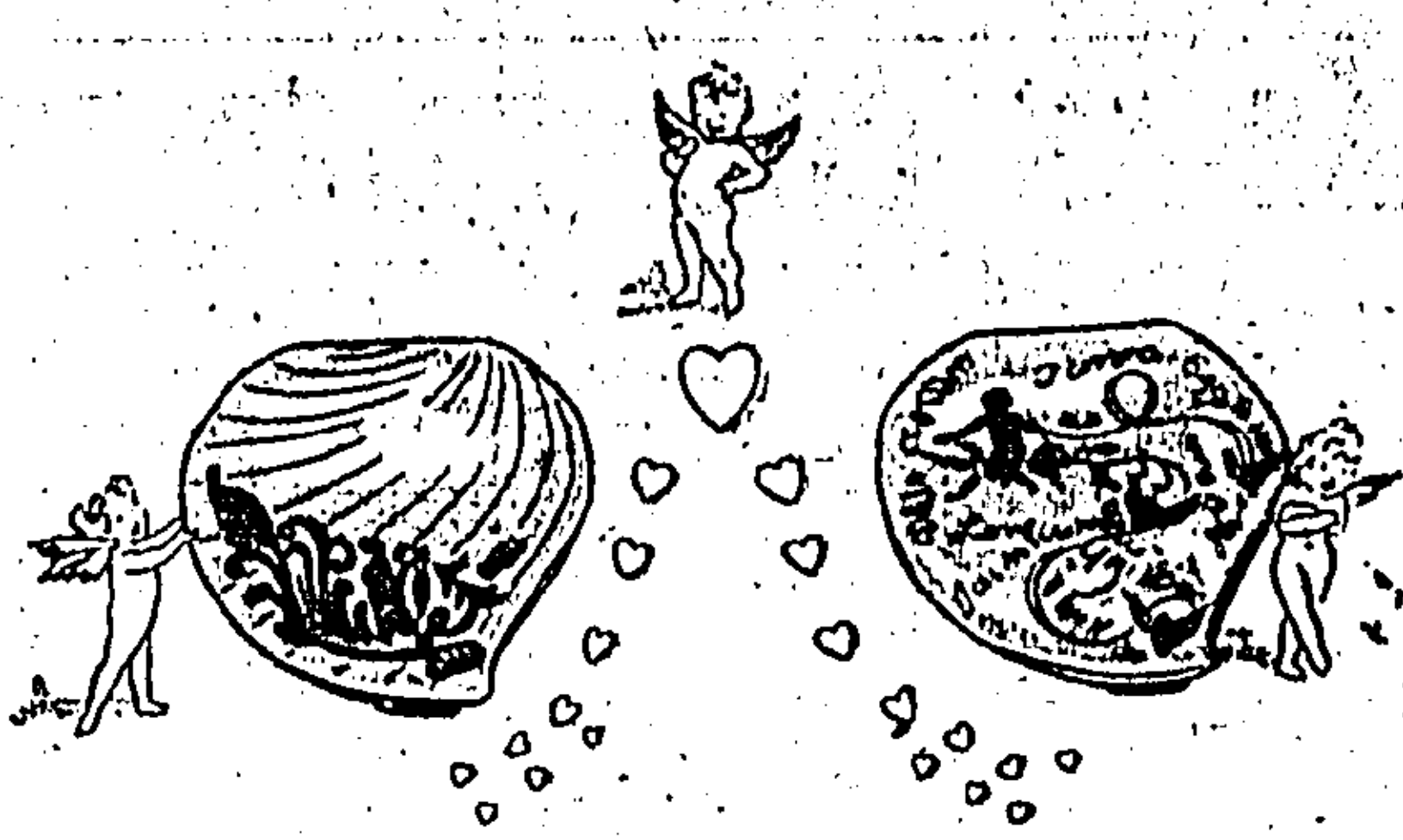
By E. ORSINI
Black, 6 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-R6, any; 2. Q-R, Kt, or P (ch, or dis ch) mates.

"crying towels" and an Irish lullaby by Morton Downey. West opened with the jack of hearts, and when East played the king, South won the trick with the ace. South now decided to try to set up the fourth spade in dummy for the ninth trick. He played the ace and king of spades and led a small spade. East won this with the nine-spot, cashed the queen of spades, and led a small heart. Now South could not make his contract.

He would have had an extra chance to make it if he had guessed the right play, which was to set up the fourth club in dummy. If either opponent held the blank queen or jack of clubs, or the queen and one club, or jack and one club, then the nine of clubs in dummy would have been promoted into the extra trick needed to make the contract.



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NANCY

Will the Mail Come Through?

By Ernie Bushmiller

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ASIAN COUNTRIES TO APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST HOLLAND

New York, Feb. 11.—The Asian countries which attended the New Delhi conference on Indonesia may soon be asked to apply economic sanctions against The Netherlands should the Dutch "continue to defy world opinion," according to Dr D. Soemtro, Indonesian Republican delegate to the United Nations, who has just returned from Delhi.

Dr Soemtro said at a press conference today: "I have reason to believe that very soon consultations through diplomatic channels will be taken up by the countries who participated in the Asian conference."

Sport Briefs:

Robinson Wastes No Time

Wilkesbarre, (Pennsylvania), Feb. 11.—The world welterweight champion, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, stepped blithely into the ring last night for a non-title fight with Gene Buffalo.

But suddenly he was jolted by a loudspeaker announcement. Buffalo weighed 155½ lbs.—1½ lbs. under the welterweight limit. So the fight could be regarded as a title bout even though Robinson himself was over the limit.

"Why, my title is at stake! I'll have to take care of this guy in a hurry," Robinson told his stunned seconds.

The result: Ray Robinson, 151 lbs. of New York, knocked out Gene Buffalo, 145½ lbs. of Wilkesbarre, in two minutes and 55 seconds of the first round.—United Press.

BOBLED CHAMPION

KILLED IN SMASH:

Lake Placid, New York, Feb. 11.—The world championship two-man bobsled races were today postponed until Sunday in memory of Max Hauben, top Belgian driver, who was killed yesterday in a crash.

The decision to combine the two-day meeting scheduled to start on Saturday, into a one-day affair was announced after the Amateur Athletic Union Bobsled Committee had conferred with the Belgian Consul. A High Republic Mass for Hauben will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Agnes Catholic Church here.

Full-bearers will be two Americans, two French and two Swiss bobsledders. Other sledgers, in uniform will be honorary bearers.—United Press.

CARNAYON'S DEAD:

Nassau, Feb. 11.—Lord Carnarvon, a well-known sportsman, heads an English syndicate which has purchased the Ford Montagu Beach Racing Association.

This body operates the only horse racing in Nassau. The purchase price was not revealed.—Reuter.

TEXAS OPEN:

San Antonio, (Texas), Feb. 11.—Dave Douglas of Wilmington, Delaware, led in the first round of the \$2,500 Texas open golf tournament today with 65, one stroke ahead of Alvin Krueger, (Beloit, Wisconsin) 66. Melz, (Virginia Beach, Virginia) and Al Brosch, (Garden City, New York) who tied at 66.—Associated Press.

WEEK-END SPORT

TODAY

Football—First Division League: KMB v. South China "A" at Boundary Street; Kitcher v. Eastern at Caroline Hill; South China "B" v. Army at Causeway Bay; St. Joseph's v. CAA at Happy Valley (Kick-off at 4 p.m.).

Second Division League: South China v. Solicitors at Causeway Bay; Trunway v. Club at Happy Valley; War Department Chinese v. Army (Kowloon) at Soekunpoo; PCA Police at St. Joseph's; KMB v. St. Joseph's at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.).

Races—First Extra Race Meeting at the Valley (First saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.).

Rugby—International Final: England v. Scotland at Soekunpoo, 4.15 p.m.

Softball—At Recreation Ground: Hekes v. Vikings, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

Crick—Occasional v. Army at Chater Road, 1.45 p.m.

Football—Memorial Cup Final: Army v. Chinese at Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.

First Division League: Police v. Club at Boundary Street, 4 p.m.

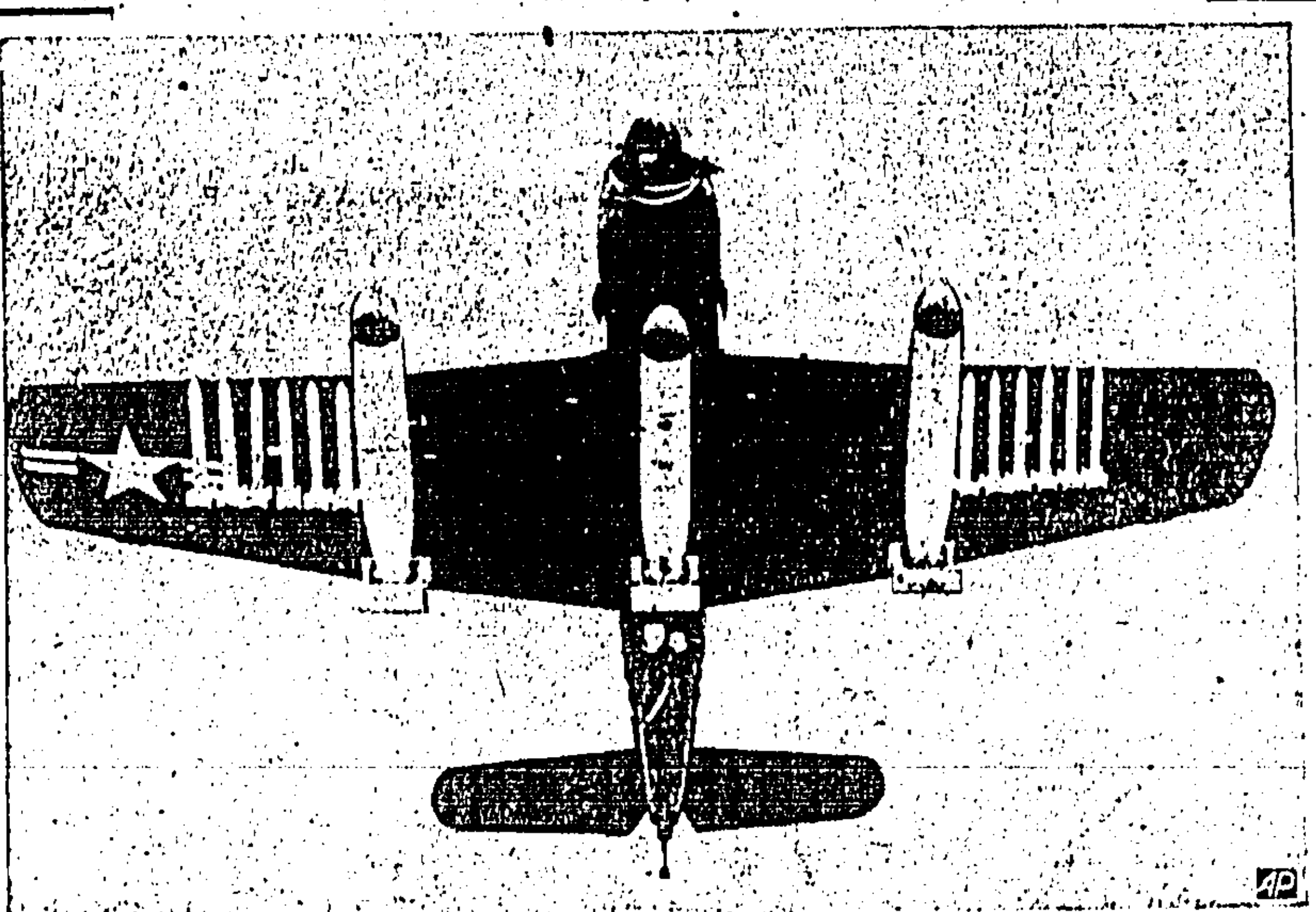
Second Division League: Talkoo v. Dockyard at St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.

Hockey—Association Fixtures: Recreation v. Dockyard RC at King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; RAF v. University at Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Cable & Wireless v. Navy at King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; Army v. Khalsa at Soekunpoo, 10 a.m.; Police v. Dutch IC at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Civil Service v. YMCA at King's Park, 10 a.m.

Softball—At Recreation Ground: Wildfires v. Braves, 9 a.m.; Khalsa v. Filipinos, 10.30 a.m.; Overseas Chinese v. VRC, Noon; St. Joseph's v. Canadians, 2 p.m.

At CBA Ground: Madcaps v. Chung Hwa, Noon; HKBC v. Americans, 2 p.m.

HERE'S "ABLE MABEL" IN FLIGHT



Here's the U.S. Navy's new one-man attack plane, dubbed by carrier pilots "Able Mabel," in flight with a 9,000 pound payload. The craft is carrying three full-size torpedoes, 12 five-inch rockets and four 20mm aerial cannon. The gross weight of the plane thus loaded is more than 25,000 pounds, but it can take off with a gross weight of more than 29,000 pounds. The tremendous gross weight is believed to be the heaviest ever flown by a single engine aircraft.—AP Picture.

N. Ireland To Stay With Britain

Belfast, Feb. 11.—Northern Ireland's Unionist Government Party, opposing absorption into the independent Republic of Eire, was tonight sure of an absolute majority in the "King or Republic" general election.

The party, headed by the Prime Minister, Sir Basil Brooke, had a clear lead of 22 over all other parties in the 56-seat House of Commons.

With the results not yet in from 16 constituencies, the state of the parties was: Unionists 31, Independent Unionists 20, Nationalists five, Socialist Republicans one, Independent Labour one.

The Prime Minister called the election to show Northern Ireland's determination to remain under the Crown after Eire's withdrawal from the British Commonwealth.

At the dissolution of the Ulster House of Commons, Sir Basil had a majority of 17. Today's results, however, do not include Queen's University election, which is by postal vote. This result will not be known until February 25 or 26.

Sir Basil was returned in his constituency of Lisnakeen County Fermanagh. He polled 5,563 votes, against 4,173 for the Nationalist candidate, Mr John Carron.—Reuter.

LATEST RETURNS

Belfast, Feb. 11.—The latest state of the parties in the Northern Ireland general election is Unionist 35, Independent Union 20, Nationalists nine, Irish Labour 1, Socialist Republicans one.

When the result of the election for Queen's University, Belfast, is declared on February 26, it is expected that the Government strength will be raised to 38 seats.—Reuter.

Eire Fixes The Day

Dublin, Feb. 11.—The Eire Government today fixed Easter Monday, April 18, 1949, as the day on which Eire becomes a Republic. This will be the 33rd anniversary of the Irish Republican rising of 1916.—Reuter.

Dominion Foreign Ministers May Meet In Canada

London, Feb. 11.—Commonwealth countries are working on plans for a Dominion Foreign Ministers' conference in Ceylon in May on questions of common Dominion interest.

A switch of venue to Canada, however, is not ruled out by Parliamentary quarters here. The conference, wherever held, would, it is understood, be confined not merely to a study of Far Eastern problems but would cover the whole field of questions of common interest to the Dominions.

South East Asian and Pacific problems—social, political, economic defensive and cultural—would however rank high on the agenda.

The desire to hold the conference in Ceylon is general, but there are considerable difficulties to be overcome. Most of the foreign Ministers are expected to be at Lake Success for the resumed General Assembly of the United Nations in April.

Dr Herbert Evatt, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, will preside over the resumed session of the United Nations Assembly, and there is no guarantee that this engagement will not overlap the time suggested for the Ceylon meeting.

There is general feeling among Commonwealth countries that the meeting should take place as soon as possible, as several of the leading Dominions will later in the year be preoccupied with general election preparations and other domestic questions.

The solution, some quarters suggest, would be to hold a meeting at Ottawa, which could be reached overnight from Lake Success, and arrange a Ceylon meeting for a later date.

Britain's representatives, it is expected, would be the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, or the Minister of States, Mr Hector McNeill, and the Commonwealth Secretary, Mr Philip Noel Baker.—Reuter.

Arabs Rescue British Soldiers

Tripoli, Feb. 11.—An Arab sheikh and his men saved the lives of 15 marooned British soldiers by snow-drifts in the Tripolitanian desert, it was reported here today.

Bu Zeyd, sheikh of a small village south of Tripoli, found the men isolated in the greatest-ever snow storm in Northwest Libya.

Two hundred men of a Guards Brigade, sent to rescue other isolated Army units, worked all night in the lowest-recorded temperature in the area to open a road for relief columns. It was also reported.

An Army survey group was without food and shelter for three days before it was rescued.

Ninety-five persons have died from the cold and an unknown number are missing as a result of the blizzard. It was officially stated today. Five children and their mothers died on their way from a village school. Some areas are still cut off.—Reuter.

MacArthur And Washington Split

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nothing to indicate American policy had changed as drastically as the reports suggested.

The State Department spokesman declined to comment on the report, saying: "That is an Army problem."

Despite the official denial, the report has aroused considerable concern among American partners in the occupation. Anxious official enquiries have been directed to the State and Army Departments this morning.

There is no attempt to minimise the impact which an American withdrawal would have on British Commonwealth defensive strategy in the South-West Pacific.—Reuter.



HK Mentioned In Export Offences

New Delhi, Feb. 11.—The Indian Government is investigating alleged breaches of the ban of the export of Indian jute goods to South Africa, the Minister of Commerce, Mr K. C. Neggy, told Parliament today.

Reports that jute goods had reached South Africa from Italy, Singapore and Hongkong are being checked to see whether Indian exporters have been responsible, he added.

Jute exports to Hongkong and Singapore have been restricted and five firms in India, suspected of engaging in such activities, have been blacklisted, he said.

Two firms in the United States, one in San Francisco and the other in New York have also been blacklisted.—Reuter.

Film Stars To Share Profits Plan

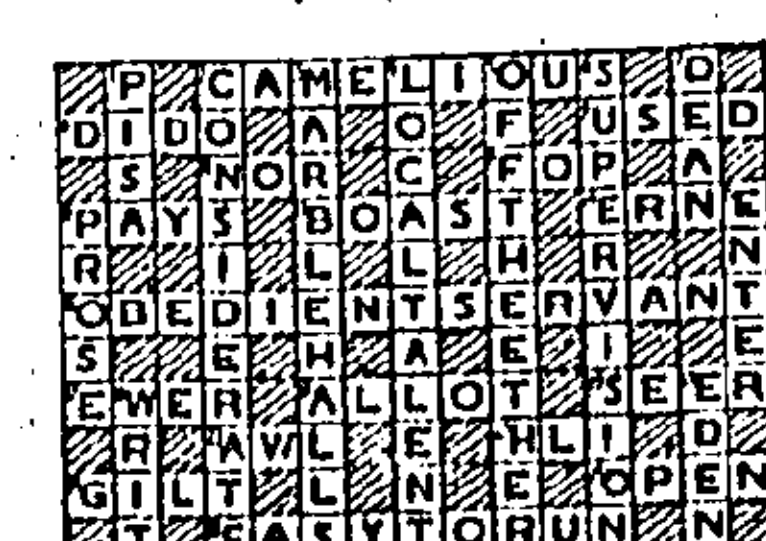
London, Feb. 11.—Film stars will share in the profits of their films instead of drawing "inflated salaries" if a plan put forward by the British Film Producers Association is adopted.

The proposal was made at a meeting between the Association and the Personnel Managers Association, which acts for leading film and variety artists. Under the scheme, the stars would get an agreed cash minimum and later share in the profits.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:
Across: 1 and 5, Boarding school; 6 and 8, Lemon squash; 9, Tee; 10, Marm; 11, Nitre; 12, Unto; 13, Dream; 14, Auto; 15, Erupt; 16, Soul; 22, Reshape; 23, See 1 Down; 24, Stop; 25, Its; 26, Trio; 27, No.
Down: 1 and 23, Blunderbuss; 2, Amateurs; 3, Roor; 4, Gent; 5 See 1 Across; 7, Emir; 8, See 6 Across; 9, Ten; 16, Rout; 17, Pest; 18, Tsar; 20, Ont; 21, Upgh.

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on Page 13—



Britain And Turkey To Have Talks In London

London, Feb. 11.—Britain and Turkey will exchange views on security measures and future strategy in the Mediterranean area at a meeting in London next week, responsible diplomats of both countries reported on Friday.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr Necmeddin Sadak, is expected to fly to London on Sunday.

According to a Turkish Embassy spokesman, he will see the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, the next day.

Mr Sadak is known to favour a Mediterranean alliance, presumably as part of the Western powers' plans to control Communism.

Turkish informants forecast, however, that no initiative is likely to be taken at least until the proposed North Atlantic Pact has been signed.

Mr Sadak, it is expected, will go on to Paris to take part in European Economic Co-operation talks.

A British Foreign Office spokesman today denied Damascus reports that Britain and Syria are discussing the possible entry of Syria into the North Atlantic Alliance.—Associated Press.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Arrant. 2. Box. 3. All of them. 4. Kennington Oval in 1872. 5. Perth or Dublin, London, Edinburgh. 6. Lisbon. 7. A skylark. 8. A. C. MacLaren.



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